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### Senate Breakdown (On Achtenberg Vote)

by Jeff Fast

As gays and lesbian across the country applauded the Senate's confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg to the Clinton administration's top fair housing post, many had mixed emotions about how their own senator voted.

In some cases, gay Republicans had more reason for celebration than did Democrats. The nomination of Achtenberg, a lesbian member of the Board of Su-

pervisors, caused the biggest rift among Republican Sena-tors to occur since Clinton took office in January. On the GOP side, 13 sena-tors voted in favor of Achten-berg, 26 voted expired and

tors voted in favor of Achtenberg, 26 voted against, and four did not vote. Local gay Republicans said the vote demonstrated that the GOP is becoming less homophobic.

"We're moving in the right direction but we have a long way to go," said Gary Bastion, a local member of the Log Cabin Club, a gay Republican

group, in a Bay Area Reporter interview. "Moderate Republicans want desperately for this issue to go away."

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Other notable GOP votes, or the lack thereof, came from Vermont, Missouri, Kansas, Oregon, and Utah.
Senator James Jeffords of Vermont, one of only two Resublicans to yote against the

Vermont, one of only two Republicans to vote against the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination, didn't show up. Neither did John Danforth of Missouri, who is considered a leading voice for tolerance among the party. But Missouri's more conservative Republican Senator, Kit Bond, voted for the nomination.

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Both GOP Senators from Oregon voted for Achtenberg, despite having been harassed for months about gay issues by the homophobic Oregon Citizens' Alliance. The fresh-man Senator from the na-tion's most conservative state, Charles Bennett of Utah, also voted for her.

"I'm sure Mr. Bennett will get a lot of heat for his vote back here in Utah," said Richard Andrews, president of the Salt Lake City Coali-tion for Separation of Church



Lighting the way

Thousands turned out for the 10th annual AIDS Memorial Candlelight Vigil May 23. The procession moved quietly from Castro to Civic Center where speakers rallied for continued attention to AIDS as the epidemic goes on.



Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Opportunity Roberta Achtenberg and her lover, San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Mary Morgan. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

### Shanti 'On Probation' Says City AIDS Office

by Jeff Fast

Dissolving Shanti Project's housing program and reintegrating it into new agencies will take between four and six months, announced AIDS Office Director Mitch Katz at an HIV Planning Council Meeting on Monday, May 24. In addition, Shanti was formally nut on prohation at the

In addition, Shanti was formally put on probation at the meeting. The agency's probationary status will continue until at least until October, when new financial audits of the organization are completed. The organization is disallowed from applying for new government grants during the disciplinary period.

Shanti Project has been mired with scandal since March, when city auditors determined the agency had mismanaged at least \$2.7 million

worth of government contracts. The agency must return at least \$311,000 to the city. That amount owed could grow larger, because an audit of the current fiscal year is not yet completed. Shanti's former director, assistant director, and board of directors president have resigned in recent weeks because of the brouhahs. brouhaha.

Last week, the Bay Area

Reporter first reported that the agency is being stripped of its government-sponsored housing contracts, worth more than \$1.9 million annu-

ally.

"Actions do have consequences and there was a serious mismanagement of funds," Katz said. However, the AIDS Office was accused of treating Shan-(Continued from page 26)

### Agencies Search for Solutions to High Rate of HIV Among Youth

by David O'Connor

HIV is spreading at a sur-prisingly high rate among young gay men in San Fran-cisco, according to a new Health Department study. But several programs are emerging to combat AIDS in an age group that was sup-posed to have been spared the devastation of an earlier generation.

The new report shows 12 percent of men ages 17 to 22 are HIV-positive. Previous city AIDS Office statistics show 4 percent of men in that age group are contracting HIV each year.
Among San Francisco gay

Among San Francisco gay men over age 25, 45 percent are HIV-positive and 1 per-cent contract HIV annually. The new study shows African-American youth are hardest hit, with 21.2 percent infected. Latinos are infected at a rate of 9.5 percent, whites at 8.1 percent, Native Ameri-cans at 8.3 percent and Asian/Pacific Islanders at 4.2 percent.

About 33 percent of all young men said they had unprotected anal sex in the last

six months.
"There's a significant num-

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ber of young men who have sex with men who continue to practice higher risk behavto practice nighter risk behav-ior and who are becoming in-fected at a fast rate," said Danny Givertz, who directed the Health Department study.

That wasn't supposed to happen. By 1987, HIV infection rates among San Francisco gay men had dropped dramatically after widespread AIDS prevention education.
"We thought we'd done our work," Givertz said.
"There was a belief that the epidemic had been stopped.

epidemic had been stopped. Once people had the information, we hoped that there would be no new infections. In the late '80s, we started to get indications that there was some infection in younger men."

#### Don't know how to talk about sex

Givertz and AIDS service providers agree that young men know how to prevent HIV transmission, but they're not adopting safe sex prac-

"It's very complicated—the things that all play into each other," Givertz said. "Imagine that you're dealing with a teenager or young adult, add

on top of that coming into their sexuality, wanting to explore so badly their sexuality. They get caught up in the passion and the heat — they want to just fuck and they don't want to worry about this big adult epidemic and death and dying."

Phil Clark of the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center agreed.

"As a culture, we don't know how to talk about sex," Clark said. "It's easier to do something rather than talk about it. Learning to become sexual is difficult.

"Young men know about HIV, they know how it's transmitted, but there's a difference between cognitive understanding and how self.

transmitted, but there's a dif-ference between cognitive un-derstanding and how self-steem and empowerment af-fect people. People have a parrot response to how HIV is transmitted but they are not transferring that into their risk behavior."

#### Youth-specific services

To convince young men to practice safe sex, prevention campaigns must be maintained, said AIDS service providers who specialize in youth programs. And services designed for adults must be

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### **Community News**



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The San Francisco Hiking Club celebrates the election of its new President Bob Bragman. For more information about the club, call (510) 652-3827

### New KS Trial Announced

University of California researchers are planning a clinical trial of platelet factor 4, a naturally-ocurring blood pro-tein recently tested for safety in 12 male patients with Kaposi's sarcoma.

KS is currently most com-

monly treated with chemotherapy or radiation, both of which have toxic effects on healthy cells. It is hoped that the new platelet factor, called rPF4, can lessen the dependence on toxic remedies for KS.

In the SFGH study, re-searchers selected two KS lesions from each of the twelve patients and injected a liquid form of rPF4 into one lesion, and saline into the second.

Patients were given the in-

and then three times a week for another three weeks at dif-ferent dosage levels.

In six of the patients, there were some obvious changes in lesion size and color and the drug seemed to be most effective at the 2.5 milligram highest dose, according to James Kahn, M.D., assistant clinical professior of medi-

Kahn released the result of the study at the American So-ciety of Clinical Oncology last

week.

"At this point, it appears
the drug is safe," said Kahn,
in a press statement "There
seems to be some anti-KS acseems to be some anti-KS ac-tivity at the highest dose which suggests that we evalu-ate the drug in different ways." None of the patients experienced any side effects other than redness at the injection

The drug is believed to work by preventing the formation of blood vessels under mation of blood vessels under the tumor that carry oxygen and nutrients to the lesions, but Kahn said that re-searchers don't really know if the proliferation of blood ves-sels is the cause of KS. The platelet factor is man-ufactured by Repligen Corpo-ration of Cambridge, Mas-sachusetts.

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For more information about the clinical trials of the drug that are expected to begin this summer, contact San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS Clinical Trials information Live 415 17 2006 tion Line at (415) 476-9296, extension 84090. ▼

### ...And One on Acupuncture, Too

by Dennis Conkin

A new study by the Na-tional Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases will explore the effectiveness of acupuncture, alone and in combination with an antidepressant, for the relief of hand, feet, and lower limb pain and muscle weakness related

The syndrome, known as peripheral neuropathy, affects an estimated 35 to 50 percent of people with HIV, according to the National Institutes of

The study drug, amitriptyis commonly used to lessen nerve pain in peripher-al neuropathy associated with diabetes and inherited forms of the syndrome

Although previous studies of acupuncture have been undertaken, the data have been inconclusive. However, what limited evidence exists indicates that more than half of patients appear to have some benefit from acupuncture and that the treatment may aug-ment other forms of therapy

ment other forms of therapy for pain relief.

The study plans to enroll 200 people with HIV infec-tion, age 13 or older. Participants must have peripheral neuropathy in their lower limbs. Patients may be taking anti-retroviral treatment, but must not be receiving treat-ment for opportunistic infections or malignancies other than non-systemic KS.

Participants in the study will be randomly assigned to

receive 35 milligrams of amitriptyline or placebo a day. The dose will be increased over a week until 75 milligrams a day is reached. All participants will receive acupuncture twice a week for six weeks then once a week six weeks, then once a week for two months.

Patients are also required

Patients are also required to keep a pain diary for seven days before they enter the study, during the fourteen weeks of treatment and through four weeks of post treatment follow-up.

The acupuncture protocol is available through the San Francisco Community Consortium at (415) 476-9554. More information about the protocols and treatment study are available by calling 1-800are available by calling 1-800-TRIALS-A.

### And He Says Such Nice Things About You...

[Mayor Frank Jordan released the following statement May 19, in response to the Roberta Achtenberg confirmation hearings:]

Today on the floor of the United States Senate, North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms invoked my name in his oppo-

sition to the nomination of San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg for a position as the Deputy Secretary of Hous-ing and Urban Development.

If Senator Helms meant in any way to imply that my veto of the Bank of America Divestiture Resolution in some way aligns me with him and his bigoted campaign to deny Su-pervisor Achtenberg of a position which she is supremely qualified, he is wrong.
His appeal to the lowest level

of discourse demeans both the

I fully endorse and support Roberta Achtenberg and de-nounce Senator Helms and his demagogic campaign designed to mislead the public. ▼

### More City Health Cuts

by Dennis Conkin

Health Department offi-cials and members of the Board of Supervisors are reel-ing over \$32 million in new cuts ordered in the Health Department's \$648 budget, in-cluding the closure of all discluding the closure of all dis-trict Health Centers and the elimination of all non-state-and federally-mandated men-tal health and substance abuse services.

abuse services.

The cuts come on the heels of \$56 million in budget reductions already made by the Health Department.

"We don't see how we can come up with an additional \$32 million," Health Department spokesman Wendy Iwata told the Bay Area Reporter. "Even if we do close all the district health centers, we won't arrive at that figure."

won't arrive at that figure."

Iwata said the closure of the primary care centers inthe primary care centers including District Health Center One in the Castro and Tom Waddell Clinic in the Tenderloin area are "very low on the Health Department's priority list" of cuts but acknowledged that the proposal is "on the table."

The Health Department was given 24 hours by the Mayors office on May 24 to come up with the cuts.

The eight district health centers offer complete primary care services to San Francisco residents.

"Everything that you'd re-

"Everything that you'd receive at a doctor's office for illness," Iwata said.

Iwata told the Bay Area Reporter that the cuts threaten the ability of the Health Department to provide statemandated "managed care services" because the health centers are "part of the cornerstone" of the Department's managed care program.

stone of the Department's managed care program.

In exchange for state Medical funds, the Health department is essentially required to serve as the health maintenance organization for Medical Control of the Cal recipients and indigent poor residents who need med-

poor residents who need medical treatment but are not MediCal eligible or who do not have medical insurance. District Health Center One in the Castro is heavily utilized by people with AIDS who rely on the clinic for primary care services.

"These cuts are extremely danged in the contract of the contr

out of line and extremely dan-gerous. There is no question AIDS services will be affect-ed by cutting outpatient visits in the health centers. The cuts in the health centers. The cuts will seriously exacerbate the problems of people receiving mental health services and will put people on the streets," said Supervisor Carole Migden. "They have to be

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prevented. We are doing everything possible to identify revenue sources to prevent

A proposal by Migden to create a fire suppression assessment district tax that would have added \$70 million

sessment district tax that would have added \$70 million to city coffers, according to aide Dana Van Gorder was nixed by the Board of Supervisor this month.

"They clearly don't know what they're doing in the Mayor's office. It's one week before the budget is due and there's been no cooperation and no dialogue. That's just not acceptable," said Supervisor Kevin Shelley.

Earlier this month, Jordan ordered \$56 million in budget cuts that led to proposals by the Health Department to reduce beds at Laguna Hospital; to cut 82,000 outpatient visits and San Francisco General Hospital outpatient services; Hospital outpatient services; and to severely cut mental health and substance abuse services. ▼

### Willie Brown To Speak At June Baymec Dinner

by Dennis Conkin

The Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, the peninsula's lesbian and gay political action and advocacy group, will host its annual dinner on June 5th in the Imperial Ballroom of San Jose's Fairmont Hotel.

The keynote speaker for the annual event, its sixth, will be Speaker of the California State Assembly Willie Brown.

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Brown, who represents
San Francisco's 13th Assembly district, has presided over
the state Assembly longer
than any other Speaker.
In 1975, six years after
Brown wrote and introduced
legislation to decriminalize
sex between consenting
adults, the measure passed
and gay sex acts between
adults were no longer a state
crime.

Brown also co-authored Assembly Bill 1, the failed precursor of AB101, which would have banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment.
AB101 was vetoed by Governor Wilson, but the protections Brown introduced in the 1992 Omnibus Civil Rights Act were included in AB2601, which was signed into law last

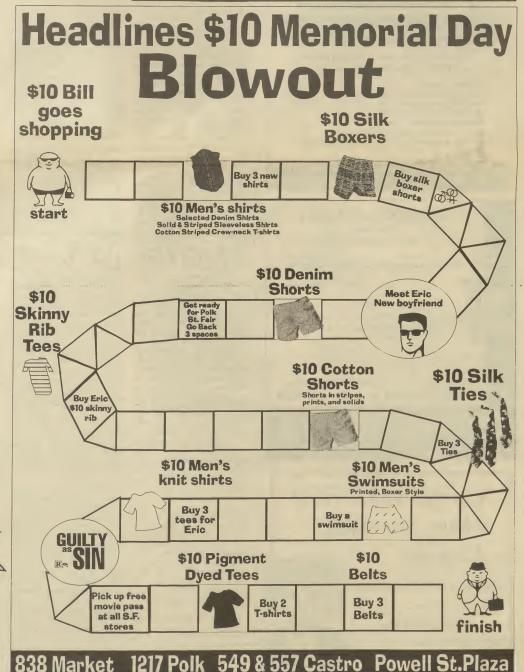
Brown was first elected to Brown was first elected to the state Assembly in 1964, and has been re-elected 14 times. He has served as Speaker of the Assembly since 1980.

Comedian Danny Wilson will serve as master of cerewill serve as master of cere-monies for the dinner, and music will be provided by New Shoes, featuring selec-tions from Gershwin, Elling-ton, Motown, Rock and Roll, and various Latin artists. The event has 124 hon-

orary sponsors, including U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. More than 15 Mayors of Santa Clara and San Mateo County cities are also sponsors — with the notable exceptions of Joanne Benjamin of Los Gatos and Barbara Conant of Campbell.

Other sponsors of the event include Congressman Don Edwards, Congresswoman Anna Eschoo, Secretary of State March Fong Eu, State Treasurer Kathleen Brown, and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi. The latter two names are now considered front-runners for the 1994 Democratic party nominations to challenge Governor nations to challenge Governor Wilson.

For more information or about the BAYMEC annual dinner, contact Ken Yeager at (408) 297-1024. ▼



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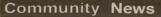
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Pro-choice activists demonstrate May 26 at Trinity Baptist Church in Sacramento. (Photo: Judi Parks)

### **Fundies Target San Jose for** Anti-Human Rights Campaign

by Judi Parks

Operation Rescue's big gun, National Director Keith Tucci, stepped up his search for christian soldiers in the Bay Area last week, visiting Baptist churches in Sacramento and San Jose to recruit right wing fundamentalists into his "holy war" against women's rights to choose abortion and doctor's rights to

abortion and doctor's rights to perform them.

Tucci's rare Bay Area appearance at Trinity Baptist Church, Sacramento, on Thursday night, and Family Bible Church, San Jose, on Saturday night was to gather troops for the intensive campaign against abortion clinics this summer. San Jose and six other U.S. cities have been proclaimed "Cities of Refuge," and all communities located within one hour's drive have been targeted for recruitment. recruitment.

recruitment.

"We are inviting everyone in the western section of the country to come to San Jose this summer," Tucci told reporters. "We will be exposing the death industry." A flyer circulated at the meeting listed the "Cities of Refuge" as Philadelphia; Central Florida; Jackson, Mississippi; Cleveland; San Jose; Minneapolis, and Dallas-Ft. Worth, and admonished readers to "renew our commitment to end this our commitment to end this shedding of innocent blood, remembering that our nation's survival is bound up in the blood of the innocent.

"God has committed Himself to avenge innocent blood. If we don't repent of our self-ishness and apathy, if we don't end this holocaust and give God reason to show mer-cy in the midst of judgement [sic], America will perish. The righteous judgment of God shall descend on us if we do not take His Word seriously and make a place of safety for the innocent unborn of this nation and bring an end to the destruction of the next generation. Join us to pray and picket at abortionists' homes, abortion mills and of

About 100 activists from a number of organizations including ACT-UP, Bay Area Coalition for Reproductive Rights, and Sacramento Coalition for Reproductive Rights were on hand to greet Tucci's arrival. "The bigots come into our neighborhood and preach. Now you know what it feels like!" screamed a San Francisco "Sister of Mercy" as the demonstrators moved onto church property. Security personnel and church members gathered outside along the circular drive, creating a buffer zone between demonstrators and

drive, creating a buffer zone between demonstrators and participants in the meeting held in the sanctuary inside. "We don't want any con-frontation. We are stopping them here. The line is drawn," said Bill, who identi-fied himself as head of securi-ty and refused to give his lest ty and refused to give his last name. It became a war of name. It became a war of nerves, as demonstrators taunted church members and security personnel who formed a line to block the en-trance to the church. Demonstrators, blowing

Demonstrators, blowing whistles and chanting "Racist, Sexist, Anti-Gay, Born Again Bigots, Go Away," periodically broke ranks to different areas of the church property,

eas of the church property, sending nervous security people with two-way radios scurrying away from their posts to see what was happening on other parts of the property.

Inside, vendors' tables of buttons, bumper stickers, tapes and books (many of which were authored by Randall Terry), were scrutinized as people slowly arrived. Tucci was joined by Trinity's pastor Leroy Lebeck, and another man, who refused to acer man, who refused to ac-knowledge reporters, and whom Lebeck identified as Chuck Gallagher, Operation Rescue member from San

After listening to inspirational music and testimonials against abortion, Tucci, who appeared somewhat disgruntled at the small turnout, asked the approximately 75 adults and 25 children. "With all the christians around, how come there are so few people that even though the enemy looks like a giant and there is so few of us, you won't see the end result until you're in

God's presence."

He announced that three graduates of Impact Training, which he said the media referred to as "Pro-Life Bootcamp, and that's what it was," were in San Jose now work-

ing on the "City of Refuge" project. When asked by re-porters what he expected to happen there, he said, "Typi-cal OR actions, from blocking doors to save lives to letting the community know who the abortionists are. We will use the Constitution. Residential neighborhoods can be picket-

Referring to doctors who perform abortions, he added, "If you're not embarrassed by what you do, then you shouldn't care [if you are followed down the street by a placard-toting religious fundaplacard-toting religious fundamentalist screaming 'Murder-er! Murderer!']. If they are embarrassed about it, then they should get a real job.' In his pitch for funds, Tucci told the audience, "They get all the money. Clinton has given the death industry \$500 million dollars. They are seen

million dollars. They are even using it to export to countries like Mexico who don't even want it. They have all this po-litical clout and all they are doing is moaning and crying. They [the demonstrators outside] are the evidence that what we are doing is work-

"We are having a greater effect now than at any other time in the pro-life movement. There are less abortion clinics today than there was a decade ago; 87 percent of the counties in American don't have one physician willing to commit an abortion. Only 12 commit an abortion. Only 12 percent of medical schools of-fer abortion as part of the cur-riculum. This week, alone, four abortionists have quit across the country. We plowed and we planted and God is watering now. We are gaining the momentum to win the war. Wouldn't it be great if abortion were legal, and you couldn't get one?"

outside, a man who identified himself as Bill Romberg, responded to the B.A.R.'s questions about women's rights to their bodies by saying the s rights to their bothes by saying "the preborn child has a greater right than the mother. If it's a little boy it's not part of the woman's body because it is a little by There's patients. of the wolfairs body because it is a boy. There's no tissue linkage. The woman's ap-pendix is a part of her body, but a preborn child is an enti-ty in itself. There's no difference between a woman taking a helpless baby off her tit

### Schindler Killer Hated Gays

by David O'Connor

During court proceedings to determine the sentence for admitted killer Terry Helvey, a Navy investigator this week testified that Helvey said he "hated faggots and was disgusted by homosexuality."

The investigator Kevin

gusted by homosexuality."

The investigator, Kevin Privette, said Helvey told him he did not regret murdering gay shipmate Allen Schindler and that he would do it again. Privette also quoted Helvey as saying he had always wondered what it would be like to kill a man.

Privette recounted those

better what it would be like to kill a man.

Privette recounted those statements from an interrogation of Helvey that took place the day after Schindler's murder last October.

Originally charged with premeditated murder in the killing, Helvey on May 3 pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of murder with intent to cause great bodily harm. Judge David Holcombe on May 24 accepted Helvey's plea. A jury comprising eight military officers is now hearing testimony to determine sentencing.

ing testimony to determine sentencing.

That testimony has included a videotape of 23 of Helvey's friends from Fredricktown, Missouri, where he attended high school. People on the tape said Helvey was abused by his stepfather and neglected by his mother while growing up. They said that Helvey's stepfather once ripped off the tip of Helvey's finger by slamming it in a bathroom door and that he pushed Helvey's face into excrement.

In unsworn testimony, Helvey apologized to Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys, who also testified.

"Please understand if I could trade places with your

Hajdys, who also testified.

"Please understand if I could trade places with your son I would not hesitate," Helvey told Hajdys.

Helvey told Hajdys.

Helvey also expressed regret for causing the controversy that has surrounded his ship since the murder. Helvey and Schindler served aboard the USS Belleau Wood. The ship's commanding officers have been criticized for failing to stop anti-gay harassment aboard ship that other sailors say led to Schindler's murder.

In her testimony, Hajdys

In her testimony, Hajdys spoke of Schindler's child-hood love of animals and his plans for a career in zoology. Hajdys said she visited her

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WASHINGTON — Senator
Dan Coats (R-Indiana) said
May 19 he doesn't accept a
compromise proposal for homosexuals in the military, as
suggested by Representative
Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts).
Coats, a member of the
Senate Armed Services Coim-

son's grave on Mother's Day and wished she had been the beating victim instead of her

son.

The jury also heard gruesome testimony from pathologist Dr. Edward Kilbane, who conducted the autopsy on Schindler. Kilbane said Schindler's injuries reminded him of the kind suffered by a virtin of an airplace con

victim of an airplane crash.

Kilbane said Schindler's liver was like pulp: "If you took a tomato and slushed it all up without damaging its skin, that's what it would be like," he said.

skin, that's what it would be like," he said.

Air Force psychiatrist Dr. Robert Strayhan testified that Helvey's use of steroids for body building and his excessive drinking could have made him more aggressive and less able to control his violant outbursts. olent outbursts.

olent outbursts.

Not testifying in the proceedings is Charles Vins, another Belleau Wood sailor who was present at the beating and who, with Helvey, eluded military patrolmen afterward.

In a pretrial agreement, Vins was allowed to plead guilty to charges lesser than murder in exchange for testi-fying against Helvey.

A sailor who said he spent time in the brig with Vins told the Bay Area Reporter that Vins told him Helvey was looking for a fight the night of the murder.

Russell Caputo was discharged from the Navy May 19 charged from the Navy May 19 his ship, the USS Independence, for a week last October. He said he was in the brig with

for a week last October. He said he was in the brig with Vins last December.

Caputo said Vins recounted a story of Vins and Helvey following Schindler to the bathroom where Schindler was killed and then escaping to a ne to a nearby neighborhood to ditch bloody clothes.

As the Bay Area Reporter As the Bay Area Reporter goes to press, proceedings to determine Helvey's sentence are expected to be completed within a day. The maximum punishment for murder with intent to inflict great bodily harm is life in prison. But word from Japan is that no one believes Helvey will spend the rest of his life in prison.

"Justice is not being served in the court martial at all," said Queer Nation member

mittee, said Frank has, "in essence, suggested we 'don't ask, don't look, don't worry, he heavy.""

ask, don't look, don't worry, be happy."

"This isn't a compromise at all, it is lifting the ban entirely" on gays in the military, he said. "Soldiers don't have private lives to separate from their military duties. This is simple ignorance of military life."

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Bigots Don't Like the

Compromise, Either



Russell Caputo

Michael Petrelis, who is in Japan monitoring the proceedings. "The prosecution is not bringing up the 500-pound elephant in the room and that is homosphalis. The defense is homophobia. The defense is doing a terrific job of making Helvey into a victim. By no stretch of the imagination can you say that justice is being served in the court room."

United Press International contributed to this report.

### **Community News**

### **Fundies**

and throwing it into a dump-ster or taking it out of the womb."

womb."
In response to the OR's planned summer assault on clinics, Laura Weide, a member of BACORR, told the B.A.R., "What we're doing is starting clinic defense trainings now and bringing lots of people into this movement to ston them, because not only stop them, because not only do we have to defend our right to abortion and health care with out harassment, we also have to defend our broader liberties that are un-

broader interties that are under attack by these people.

"OR is increasingly involved in organizations and activities that inflame anti-gay and anti-immigrant sentiments. Randall Terry started the organization using view. ments. Randall Terry started the organization using vio-lence and terrorism against queer people. We have seen their relationship with Ku Klux Klan in Florida; Rescue America was the group of which Michael Griffin who shot David Gunn was a member; the leader of Rescue America in Pensacola Floriber; the leader of Rescue America in Pensacola, Flori-da, was Griffin's minister, John Burt. He is an 'ex- klans-man' who was arrested in the 80's for recruiting two Klan members into a plot to bomb a clinic."

Weide added, "This is not a matter of them having a

wette added, This is not a matter of them having a right to assembly and free speech. It's a matter of hate and terrorism. They are conspiring at these meetings to make concrete plans to as-



Keith Tucci, national director of Operation Rescue

sault women, and to terrorize sault women, and to terrorize doctors and clinic staff. They inspire their followers to take such violent actions as fire bombing clinics, and they set the climate where killing a doctor is the logical outcome doctor is the logical outcome of the analysis they put out for their followers. We have to stop them."
For information on resisting Operation Rescue's "City of Refuge" campaign, contact BACORR at (415) 252-0750. ▼

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### Editorial

### Saying Goodbye

Losing someone you love hurts. It helps, somewhat, when they leave for better grounds, brighter skies, greener but it still hurts

pastures — but it still hurts.

Such is the case with Roberta Achtenberg. We know she has made the right choice, viscerally, and we are even glad, but we will certainly miss her around these here parts.

We are especially sad because so much of the greener pasture to which she is bound is covered in so much horseshit. It would be a lot nicer to send such a fine and beloved person to a place capable of giving her the welcome she deserved. Unfortunately, she's going to Washington, which has already proved it's a hostile environment, and we fear for her continued good health there.

Washington would be well advised to heed the old song and "take good care of our baby." She is a remarkable and unique person, and we'll be closely examining the treatment she gets.

she gets.

Of course, to use that old wedding chestnut, she isn't really losing San Francisco: she's just gaining the whole rest of the country.

Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, hello, As-

So goodbye, Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, hello, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Opportunity Acht-

enberg.

We love you.

Now, as RuPaul says, "You better work!"

Bigotry for Kids

Now, we hope, we have seen everything.

Last week, students at a Washington state high school were given the opportunity to vote on a measure that com-bined the worst of Colorado's notorious anti-gay Amend-ment 2 and the Pentagon's embargo against lesbian and gay service personnel.

The proposal was defeated by the students, but our relief over that is eclipsed by our concern about its existence in the first place. Those of us who remember what it was like to be out of the closet in high school — and those who knew they were gay but feared the cost of coming out — already know that there is a prohibition against lesbians and gays. It is usually enforced with fists and feet, after class, when the adults aren't around.

For the little Nazis at Bradenton High School to feet that

For the little Nazis at Bradenton High School to feel that they needed to codify the already-existing prejudice is scary for a number of reasons, but mostly because it signals the completion of a vicious circle. Now the parents have taught the kids to hate, which does not bode well for the kids of those kids, and their kids.

Especially for those kids who will be — inevitably — gay. We already see the kids of fanatics at abortion clinic

We already see the kids of fanatics at abortion clinic blockade lines, aping their parents' rhetoric and hostility, and we wonder how long before they are well and truly steeped in hatred enough to begin carrying on the violence. Now, unfortunately, we see that has begun.

There are no winners when a nation teaches its kids to hate; there are only losers, including the parents who do the teaching. Some day they will be infirm, draining family financial resources, draining emotional resources, and creating discord. They will not intend to be burdens; they will say it is not anything they can control, and they may be right; they will ask for sympathy and tolerance; but in the end they will probably end up victims of the hatred and intolerance they have planted in their children's breasts.

We in the lesbian and gay community will probably not

We in the lesbian and gay community will probably not we in the lesoian and gay community will probably not be able to maintain our anger at the way the fundies have painstakingly made our lives painful. When the wave of elder abuse grows in those pockets of intolerance, we will probably rally to stop it. We have, historically, fought to end the oppression of and violence against many other groups (ethnic groups, women's groups, disabled groups, etc.) and we'll probably do the same for the bigots when their kids start whaling away on them as they want to do on which start whaling away on them, as they want to do on us.
But they should consider what they're doing, and not just to us.



### **Guest Opinion**

### I Remember ...

IAt an April 21 Harvard rally, several hundred demonstrators assembled to protest the planned appearance of Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell at the 1993 commencement exer-cises. One of the speakers, Professor Thurston Smith, provided the perspective of a former soldier who was hounded out of the military. Following is a transcript of his speech.

I am sure most of you know that every day women and men are discharged from the armed forces because of their sexual orientation. I am one of them: I was discharged for the Army Intelligence Corps in 1962.

I will not tell you all the details of my story; however, I would like to share with you a few memories which are very real to me these 31 years later.

years later.

I remember being interrogated several hours every day for weeks on end in a small room with bright lights. It seemed a surreal dream at the time, impossible to believe that it was happening.

was happening.

I remember being asked literally hundreds of times if I were a homosexual, or if I had ever had homosexual experiences. My answer was always the same: I choose not to discuss the details of my personal life with anyone.

I remember agonizing over letters home, trying to invent things to tell my family and friends. At that point in my life I could not conceive of telling another living soul what was happening to me.

I remember absolutely aching with loneliness and fear.

ness and fear.

ness and fear.

I remember being taken to a staff psychiatrist who examined me and told me he hated having to be involved in this inhumanity. He wrote a report stating that he found me quite well-balanced considering what I was going through. His was the only kind voice I heard in those months.

I remember the day I stopped caring what

I remember at the end being offered a deal.

My freedom and a medical discharge for a written "confession" that I was homosexual, in-

written "confession" that I was homosexual, including all the details of my sexual history. I remember writing out what I thought they wanted to read on a yellow legal pad.

I remember writing home, telling my family that I was being let out of the Army early to return to graduate school. I then remember the only letter I ever got from my father telling me perhaps it would be best if I did not return to Louisiana, but went somewhere else to start a new life.

I remember all of these things as though they were yesterday, and I will remember the sense of shame I carried with me during that time for the rest of my life. I should add that I endured all of this because of how I defined

I endured all of this because of how I defined myself. I did not engage in one homosexual act while I was in the Army.

As I think about these events which happened before many of you were born, one shocking thought will not leave my mind. Not a damn thing has changed. Today gay and lesbian Americans are being excluded from the armed services. Today gay and lesbian Americans are being systematically harassed, humiliated, and punished by the cruel policies of the military establishment.

iated, and punished by the cruel policies of the military establishment.

Colin Powell has chosen to take the lead in defense of these policies. That is, I suppose, his right. Harvard, however, is not obliged to provide him a distinguished world-wide platform from which to spread this message of exclusion. Perhaps I expect too much from Harvard. I owe much to this university, and often I feel great loyalty to it. But at the moment I only feel bitter disappointment. These issues, for me, are not academic. I know too well the suffering that continues as we stand here this afternoon. These are issues of fundamental hu-

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#### Letters

### "Moore" Military Homophobia

The following letter was sent to Retired Admiral Thomas Moorer, National Campaign To Keep The Ban on Homosexuals In The Military, cb American Security Council, Washington Communications Center, Boston, VA, 22713-9989.

Thank you very much for writing me about this matter of grave importance. My appreciation will not be forgotten for including me on your mailing list. Having served honorably onboard two capital warships in the U. S. Navy; it is with great honor and distinction that I respond in writing to you sir. My service aboard the U. S. S. New Orleans LPH-11 and the U. S. S. Kitty Hawk, CV-63, was extremely rewarding and definitely an educational experience.

My duties included processing out undesirables and disfunctional men off those ships on a regular basis.

My duties included processing out undesirables and disfunctional men off those ships on a regular basis as I was their disbursing clerk. The most common reference on their DD 214s was unsuitability, citing some BUPERS or BUMED instructions. Yes I assisted in closing out their pay records and my gay Personnelman and friend would assist in personnel and in the case of commissioned officers, my gay yeoman and friend working in the Captains' office would bandle the administrative paperwork upon the would handle the administrative paperwork up on the 0.4 level. We had to assist as it was our loyal duty to handle administrative matters as a daily routine. Your acknowledged fear of homosexuals is un-

Your acknowledged lear of homosexuals is un-founded! Your public display of disrespect of our pre-sent Commander-In-Chief is short of being treasonous, certainly is conduct unbecoming of a commissioned officer with flag rank. You were correct in that I am an angry American. Angry at you and the people in-volved with your movement. You are a disgrace to lend your name and rank to this organization. I am ashamed to have served in the same institution from which you served.

How many times was your buttocks grabbed in the shower stalls, anyway? And of course you must have been raped several times to nurture and cultivate this been raped several times to nurture and cultivate this abhorrence of homosexuals. Am I getting warmer to your personal problem? Everyone has problems. Everyone. But for you to attack an entire class of dedicated, hard-working, efficient and loyal people just because of your prejudices and fears; well it is just sad and a serious disappointment to the Vast majority of United States taxpayers. I have worked side by side with straight, bisexual, and homosexual men and women both in the service and out of the service and you sir, are dead wrong about cohesion, discipline and most assuredly combat readiness and effectivenes. It most assuredly combat readiness and effectivenes. It is your opinion ... and nothing but your opinion

A Lack of Respect, Mark E. Fortado San Francisco

#### Vicious Homophobic Attacks

The following letter was sent to Senator Sam Nunn, Chair, Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20516.

I have followed your hearings on lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military with increasing dismay; it is quite clear that by carefully selecting those testifying, you are using this forum merely to support your own preconceived notions, rather than as a golden opportunity for education and genuine inquiry. (You could, for example, explore how the military could apply its proven success in combatting racial prejudice in the ranks to issues regarding gays and women). and women).

and women).

It has been suggested by a columnist in the San Francisco Chronicle that it is your ambition to retire from the U.S. Senate at a ripe old age and have a building named after you. If this is indeed the case (and it seems a reasonable aspiration for a man in your position), you should consider that, by the time of your retirement, gay rights and politics will likely be significantly advanced from their present state. There may well be two or three openly gay or leshian may well be two or three openly gay or lesbian senators (with long memories), and the prejudice you are currently advocating may be politically indefensible. You don't see anyone rushing to name buildings after George Wallace, and today it is you who are standing in the schoolhouse door.

In hopes that you will present a more fair-minded

inquiry, I remain.

John D. Rouse, M.D. San Francisco

### Misguided Betrayal by a Military Father

The following letter was sent to Col Frederick Peck, Department of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC:

I am outraged by your testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee regarding your own son. You stated: "I would be fearful that his life would be in jeapordy from his own troops. I'm not saying that's right or wrong ... "Any officer or soldier who intentionally injures or kills his or her officer or fellow soldier is absolutely wrong. Your awareness that this could happen was properly told to the Senate committee. To not see that it would be wrong is unacceptable. ceptable

I hope your statement was a matter of poorly chosen ords, spoken out of love and concern for your son.

words, spoken out of love and concern for your son. Any officer who really believes the statement you made is unworthy to serve this country.

The president's proposal to lift the anti-gay ban is necessary for the military to represent the nation. And only a representative military can protect our nation. I urge your whole-hearted support of any changes the president directs. Your oath of office requires you to support and defend the Constitution and to obey any legal orders from your superiors.

Gary Dean Lindsay and Terry Wilbert San Francisco

#### Reprise: Helms = McCarthy

The following letter was sent to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Hart Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510:

Never before have I written to any of my representatives in either the House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate, but the remarks made in the past few days by Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina regarding the nomination of San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg to the post of deputy director for civil rights in the Department of Housing and Urban Development have made it impossible for me to re-

main silent.

Sen. Helms' scathing denunciations of Achtenberg solely because she is an out-of-the-closet lesbian are the most disgusting and disgraceful remarks uttered by any senator toward an individual since the anti-Communist witch hunts in the 1950s by the late Sen.

Communist witch hunts in the 1950s by the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

As you know from history, Sen. McCarthy's witch hunts earned him censure from his fellow senators in 1954. Likewise, Sen. Helms' vitriolic and hate-filled remarks about Supervisor Achtenberg cannot and must not go unpunished.

That Sen. Helms has openly admitted his hatred of

article. The state of the same Jesse Helms who denounced the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as a Comunist while opposing the bill to make the slain African-American civil rights leader's birthday a national holiday.

tional holiday.

This is the same Jesse Helms who fought against the passage of the anti-apartheid sanctions bill against South Africa. This is the same Jesse Helms who resorted to airing a blatantly racist campaign TV advertisement in his bitter 1990 reelection battle against former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt, who is an African-American.

And this is the same Jesse Helms who would force pregnant women to bear unwanted children against their will by banning all abortions — while at the same

their will by banning all abortions — while at the same time, deny all government assistance in raising those children after they are born.

In essence, Jesse Helms is an all-around bigot; a homophobe, a racist and a misogynist.

I strongly urge you to introduce a motion of censure against Sen. Helms for his flagrant bigotry. Such a motion is not only in order, it is long overdue. There is no place in the United States Senate for bigotry of any biging and Sen. Helms box people where the district dishease on kind, and Sen. Helms has clearly bright dishonor onto the United States Senate, just as Sen. McCarthy did some 40 years ago.

> D. B. Sanders Berkeley, CA

#### What's Going On, Queer?

It is becoming quite nauseating to read all the diatribes against the theme of this year's biggest display of gay and lesbian power!

When I first heard about Ms. Ballroom Queen

Gregg Taylor's parade cronies naming the theme by only 40 voters, I was disgusted with this "my drag is prettier than yours" group.
Until the March on Washington. If this community

onti the water on washington. It this community in San Francisco of maybe a quarter of a million marchers doesn't like the theme, just sit it out and look stupid to the rest of the Queer World.

All week and into the next of the March on Washington, all I heard repeatedly was: "We're Here! We're Queer! Get Used It!"

Not one gay, lesbian, transsexual, bisexual, transgender or PFLAG participant from the big cities or the little burgs felt any qualms about shouting that

slogan over and over — and were there not a million of us? Including many, many of you San Franciscans!
So boys and girls, half-boys and half-girls and you switcheroo people out there, practice what you shouted to the entire nation and overseas and all the ships at sea: Get Used to it! And, Get Over It! Quite frankly, this subject is very, very b-o-r-i-n-g. Instead of bitching, get out there and help make this another wonderful parade. Remember the slogan: If you didn't vote, don't bitch. The committee has done their work. Now it's your turn!

Vladimir Gonzalez



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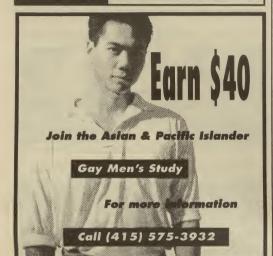


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#### Letters

#### Letter from Vacaville

Hello from the California Medical Facility at Vacaville (CMF)! Let me start by saying that as of this Friday, May 14th, the above address will be void, as I am getting out of here, on parole. As you can imagine, I'm very happy about that.

Before I left, I wanted to write, to thank you for reporting on what's been going on here at CMF. I could tell the prison administration was rattled - surprised that anyone was still watching, much less interested. As I filed apoeal after apoeal, trying to get

prised that anyone was still watching, much less interested. As I filed appeal after appeal, trying to get my release date back to May (it had been extended to June 24th and beyond, without explanation or justification) I'm sure the fact that people were watching helped me, finally, to get the honest and objective review I was asking for. So again, thank you, and the B.A.R.

Conditions here have improved and, though there's still quite a way to go, many of the new medical staff are both competent and compassion all the difference in the world. Unfortunately, there is still a high-security, custody-oriented administration in power here, including several calloused and bigoted individuals who run most of the prison's programs and operations. And as in the past, custody staff interfere with medical conditions. I plan to continue working with the lawyers and legislators, and of course ACT UP, to monitor what goes on here and of-

The brightest spot in all this, in my opinion, is the hospice. Just the fact that we have one here is an important signal. I suspect the California Department of Corrections is more interested in the symbolism rather than the substance, but the PCS volunteers will ensure that the spirit is there. The hospice, along with the hiring of more staff (i.e., competent medical staff) CDC is poised to deal with the issue of AIDS in prison. However, there is nothing like a comprehensive plan to deal with HIV, which is spreading throughout the prisons like wildfire, unchecked.

Brian Patrick Carmicheal Vacaville, CA

#### How to Conquer the U.S. Military

The following letter was sent to President Boris Yeltsin, The Kremlin, Moscow

Forbid that our two countries should ever again be on opposing sides and that we should ever be at w with each other; however, should that ever be the case et me give you some advice that will help you win

The information I am about to give you is not a state secret and is available to anywone who watches televi-sion, listens to the radio or reads newspapers and magazines.

American army, navy, marine and air force personnel are terrified, and I mean TERRIFIED, of homosexuals. All you would need to do is raise an army of homosexuals and the American military forces would totally collapse. It's as simple as that.

David N. Bentley San Francisco

#### The Celestial Urge

The following letter was sent to Mo Siegel. President, Celestial Seasonings, 460 Sleepytime Drive, Boulder, CO 8030l:

As a publicly elected official, I am quite happy when I see a business standing up for an issue of fairness and human rights. It is wonderful to see citizens groups, government and businesses working together so that great change can be made.

As an openly lesbian American, I was shocked, as As an openly lesbian American, I was shocked, as were millions of other gay men and lesbians, by the recent passage of Amendment 2. We saw this as an attack on our basic human rights, as did every other progressive man or woman in this country who believes that discrimination of any kind is completely intolerable.

Fortunately, there has sprung from this action of hatred, a great mobilization nationwide, to take a stand against this blatant act of homophobia and hatred.

Part of this mobilization has been many Coloradobased companies who have taken a public stand on this fundamental issue of human rights. I am at this time urging Celestial Seasonings to join these other companies and take a publicly announced stand against the homophobia and hate of Amendment 2. Hopefully Amendment 2 will soon fall and the boycott of Colorado will then end. I know that at that time millions of fease from properties and the standard properties of the standard properties are the standard properties.

time, millions of fans of your unique products will be eager to resume their purchases, if they feel you had at some point spoken out against this measure. However, I can assure you that if no such stand is taken by your company in light of recent events, I will set he prefer to the control of the control

not be purchasing your products even after the end of the boycott. And I am certain that many hundreds

#### Gay Republicans Embarrassed

The following letter was sent to Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, City Hall, San Francisco:

As two of the very few elected members in the nation of a Republican County Central Committee who happen to be homosexual, we are again distressed and embarrassed for a leaderless Republican Party leadership. Certain Republicans at the national and state levels are attempting to redefine and refocus the Republican Party. Unfortunately for those of us who are, by our nature, philosophical republicans, the new party definition is undefinable and the new focus is

cross-eyed.

We are embarrassed at the treatment you have received at the hands of certain "conservative" Republicans in the U.S. Senate. Having known you for Republicans in the U.S. Senate. Having known you for many years, and having supported you politically, especially in your bid for California Assembly, we cannot, even as Republicans, think of sufficiently partisan/political reasons for opposing your federal nomination. That the leadership of our party would oppose you due to your sexual orientation, is, to us,

highly repugnant.
Our best wishes to you, Mary and your family. We know you will be confirmed soon and will, as you have in the past, simply try to do a damn good job.

Paul E. Johnson and Kevin W. Wadsworth El Dorado County Republican Central Committee Members, Placerville, CA

#### C-Span's Wonderful Coverage

The following letter was sent to C-SPAN. 400 N. Capital St., Suite 650, Washington, D.C. 20001:

Thank you for your non-stop, no-frills coverage of the recent gay civil rights march. On the day before I was scheduled to leave San Francisco to attend the march, I was diagnosed with CMV retinitis, requiring me to immediately begin twice-daily intravenous treatment. As a consequence, I had to cancel my trip. I woke Sunday morning, April 25, and having read that the march would be broadcast on C-SPAN, I tuned in for most of the day. Although disappointed not to be there in person (in fact, damn madl), you all made me feel I had at least the next best alternative.

I was very impressed by the boldness of your decision to apply the video verite standard that you have followed so scrupulously since your first broadcast. Your effort was true journalism. Of course, there may be subtle technical biases brought to bear by your cameramen — and, I would hope, camerawomen — but to this appreciative eye, the coverage was documentary, pure and simple. Good work!

I also predicted that you would get letters and calls from people offended by the content of the march demonstrations. My prediction was confirmed when I read a recent Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)'s column in San Francisco's Bay Area Reporter which mentioned the hostile feedback you have been receiving. Sad that Americans cannot appreciate, that without your unbiased coverage, they would not have known what transpired in Washington on April 25, and thus would have been deprived of an opportunity to voice their objections. Well, for what t's worth, I appreciate the importance of such work and hope you continue it into the next century and

Antony N, Brich San Francisco

#### How to Make Jesse Helms Smile

After stridently defending the decision not to par-

After stridently defending the decision not to participate in this year's parade due to the "Year of the Queer" theme, Bruha Stevens (B.A.R., May 20) asks us, "What part of it don't you understand?" Actually, there are several things I don't understand. I don't understand why someone just can't wear a button saying "Gay Not Queer" and buy only those products that don't use the dreaded Q-word. Or if one really must—go to another parade somewhere. The decision to avoid Pride Day is not "gloriously selfennobling", it is self-closeting. It puts a smile on the face of Jesse Helms. face of Jesse Helms.

Also, I don't understand why some people have absolutely no sense of history. As Gregory A. McVey-Russell points out in his fine letter, the pink triangle was once a symbol of oppression somewhat more intense than being called a hurtful name. Now it is a symbol of pride, accepted almost universally.

Finally, I don't understand all this energy being ex-

pended on a damned word. Yes, most of us were brutally harassed in high school with words like "queer". Most of us have gotten over it.

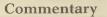
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### Bomb the Ban — Any Way We Can

ow that San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as an assistant secretary of housing and urban development, despite the vicious antics of self-professed bigot Jesse Helms and his homophobic allies, our community returns to that other Washington issue. Will President Clinton be successful in totally lifting the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military? Or will Senator Sam Nunn's shameful dog-and-pony show prevail, despite his personal promise earlier this year that promise earlier this year that the Senate hearings on the subject would be run in a "fair and unbiased" manner?

Even some straight members of the military, to say nothing of numerous Senate



members, are admitting that "Nunn made up his mind long before the hearings started, orchestrated it the way he wanted to, allowed only those to testify that he could control, and this show is over."

One top military officer ad-

mitted this week that Nunn totally skewed the witness list against those military mem-bers who had no problem with lifting the current ban, and further claimed that while only those opposed to the ban appeared on televi-sion news clips, several other straight officers and enlisted personnel had volunteered to testify in favor of lifting the ban but were actually

testify in favor of lifting the ban but were actually screened out by military officials working closely with Nunn's staff.

When Senators Nunn and John Warner (R-Virginia; you know, the loser that Elizabeth Taylor divorced as soon as she had her self-esteem and good sense back) went to Norfolk last week in that publicity-staged tour of a submarine, Nunn's staff turned a deaf ear to The Campaign for Military Service, a coalition of Military Service, a coalition of groups opposed to the current ban, which collected affidavits from more than 100 gays and lesbians at Norfolk who were willing to testify, provided they would not be fired. To be sure, the hearings were nothing more than a staged

Clearly Nunn, Strom Thurmond, Colin Powell, and the rest of the establishment homophobes will block a total lifting of the ban against open gays and lesbians serving in the military. And no one knows that better than Mas-Barney Frank, one of only two openly members of the House of Representatives. That's the reason Frank is

anything — out of all this.

Nobody — this writer and most certainly the staff of the paper included — is happy about settling for anything about settling for anything less than our rightful due. But we're left with no other choice (if Clinton signs the executive order, Nunn and his cronies will simply pass legislation restoring the ban to its original order, including asking your sexual orientation. ing your sexual orientation when you enlist, etc.) so I say to those who would settle for nothing less than a full loaf—get off Barney's back! His "compromise" would allow



Representative Barney Frank

gay men and lesbians to serve in the military and be open about their sexual orientation off duty, so long as they keep it private while on duty, and would permanently do away with asking recruits their sexual preference. Barney is pre-pared to accept a less than to-tal commitment to completely lift the ban, but he told the Bay Area Reporter, it is "a position that I think is sustainable in Congress." He added that, under his plan, if someone were to find out about a soldier or sailor's off-duty be-havior, like going to a gay bar or attending a gay function in civilian clothes, and then re-ported the individual, the mil-

ported the individual, the military's response should be "it's none of our business."
Frank admitted that under his plan "gay men and lesbians will have to make the sacrifice" of not discussing their sexual identity on duty. Still, however, that is preferable to a plan being considered by Senator Nunn and senior members of the Defense Department that would mere Department that would merely prohibit the military from asking a member of the armed forces about his or her sexual orientation if that personal discounts of the property of the sexual orientation if that personal discounts of the personal discounts of son did not openly declare it; Nunn's "don't ask, don't tell" has seemingly gained momentum among some congress members (particularly, o

members (particularly, of course, among those who favor keeping the entire ban).

However, Barney Frank's plan is said to be gaining favor as the "best solution to a bad scenario" among congressmembers and Defense Department officials who will meet next month in an effort. meet next month in an effort to reach a compromise that somehow honors the president's pledge to end discrimination in the military based on sexual orientation. That bly will please no one, but, for lack of a better deal, Congressman Frank's plan seems to me to be the best we can to me to be the best we can get for the time being. Let's face it, Barney knows that Nunn and his homophobic cronies are still holding the cards on this one, and while he, like many of us, may be unhappy with having to compromise any of our rights, he knows that something is better than nothing. And from where I sit, those now condemning the congressman should realize sometimes we are forced to take one step

are forced to take one step back to get two forward. Like President Clinton, Barney Frank is a friend and we should treat him as one instead of branding him an "Uncle Tom" as one gay rights group spokesperson did last week. Frank and others in Washington know that activists who refuse to compromise on this issue will end with nothing. "Clearly, if the choice is 100 percent or zero, we lose," says Frank. From where I sit, he is being realistic, level-headed, and right in saying we should take what we can get now. While I am no happier than anyone else at "compromising" our rights with these homophobic bastards, Frank is right: we will fight another day for the rest. in Washington know that ac-

#### Politics and People

By the way, President Clinton nominated longtime Democratic Party activist Anne Lewis, Barney Frank's sister, to the post of assistant secretary of labor for public af-

fairs last week.

There was Senator Robert

Dole, the GOP leader, hold-Dole, the GOF leader, non-ing a press conference last week in D.C. while Clinton was in California blasting him for being here, saying "there for being here, saying "there he goes again" when the president should be in D.C. mind-

ident should be in D.C. minding the store. So who will be the guest speaker at a GOP luncheon next week (June 2nd) at San Francisco's Grand Hyatt Hotel? You guessed it: welcome, Bob! Not!

Then there's Jesse Helms, in this year — 1993 — standing on the floor of the U.S. Senate proudly admitting to being a "bigot"; it's small wonder that politicians are held in such disgusting regard; those jackass voters in held in such disgusting regard; those jackass voters in North Carolina who keep sending him to Washington should be apologizing to Americans everywhere for keeping this pig son-of-a-bitch in office.

Now that Achtenberg is safely off to Washington, here's hoping that Mayor Jordan finds a good Hispanic lesbian or gay man to take her

bian or gay man to take her board seat.

A tip of the hat to Rhode Island Senator Claiborne Pell (D) who, while explaining his vote for Roberta Achtenberg, walked on the Senate floor and announced "my daughter, Julia, is president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, and I would certainly not want to see her barred from

government service because of her sexual orientation."
Are you ready for this one again: Bruce Herschensohn tells L.A. friends he may take on Senator Dianne Feinstein on Senator Dianne Feinstein
next year in her re-election
bid (three times and you're
out, Bruce); also, Orange
County Representative
Robert Dornan, one of the
House's biggest homophobes,
was in New Hampshire last
week "testing the waters" for

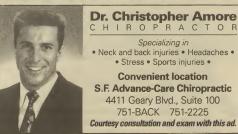
week "testing the waters" for a 1996 presidential bid. (Let's all laugh at once, folks.)

Elizabeth Taylor, appearing at the Cannes Film Festival last week, ran into so many of her old Hollywood friends that she "decided" to give a party — and what better reason for a party than to fight AIDS? Ms. Taylor held a benefit showing of the film fight AIDS? Ms. laylor held a benefit showing of the film Cliffhanger, invited everyone she knew, and promptly raised \$1 million for AmFAR, with the help of stars like Sylvester Stallone, Candice Bergen, Michael Douglas, and Ian McKellan. As I've said before they chould make this fore, they should make this lady Elizabeth Taylor a saint.
Saying they wouldn't "cre-

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The Outer Limit

### Greek Inactive

by Rachel Pepper

n Mykonos, if you want to watch the sunset as you have dinner, the Restaurant Alefkandraclearly has the best view in town. Like many eateries here on the island, all the seating is outside, but Alefkandra's has several other distinct advantages. For one thing, the island's six famous windmills, now idle, sit just up the hill on your left, and a much photographed string of buildings perch above the water to your right. The small city of Mykonos lies directly behind you, and of course, directly in front of you, stretching out as far as you can see, is the water.

At this time in early evening, the Aegean is at its deepest blue, and a cluster of tiny islands rise out of the sea slightly to the side of the cruise ship anchored off-shore. It's 6:30 p.m., and few diners are out this early. I have my choice of tables, and sit as close to the water as possible, knowing that in an hour or so all the tables around me will be full of sunset-watching revelers.

It was not a night, however,

It was not a night, however, when I could be fashionably late for dinner. A long day at the beach had tired me out in that way that only complete non-activity can do. After a short nap and a shower, I was ready to eat, and wandered into town. Being only mid-May, it's still off-season Greece, and potential diners are pounced upon here by proprietors who stand outside their establishments gesturing toward their mostly empty tables saying, "Yes, please, dinner?" as they shove menus at you.

Mykonos is fast developing an international cosmopolitan reputation for being one of the gayest of all the Greek Islands. Located in the group called the "Cyclades," Mykonos has an area of 85 square kilometers, and is located 94 nautical miles from Athens. It's a five-hour ferry ride or a 30-minute plane ride from there, if you can get a seat at all. Lucky for me, arriving in Athens from London on a day with no afternoon ferries to my chosen island, I could, and after a hellacious day's travel, I was being mobbed at Mykonos' small airport by hotel keepers, just like the travel books say.

It's amazing, actually, to consider that due to mention in a few guide books and word of mouth worldwide, Mykonos's Super Paradise Beach has become a gay mecca. It's really just a pleasant strip of sand squished in between the rocky cliffs which define most of the coastline here and which surround the beach on three sides. To get there from the town, you must either walk for an hour along a dirt path which runs along the sea through the rocks, or first take a bus, then a 15-minute boat ride to the other side of the island. Yet each day, the tiny boats going there are packed with people all sporting designer sunglasses, shorts, and bottled water. The beach itself is equipped with two semi-



sheltered "tavernas" that sell food, drinks, and rent lawn chairs. The bartenders take gay money but one looked disdainfully at the gay boys on the beach, expressed relief that I was a woman, and said, "Here, mostly we get mens, but these are not even real mens."

### Commentary

It's true that Super Paradise Beach is mostly male, and because this is also a nude beach, many of them are buck naked. I can't remember the last time I've seen so many weenies prancing around, and after a brief bout of shyness, my clothes are off, too. There's nothing quite like the sensation of hot sun on bare skin, or of splashing in the Aegean with no bathing suit to bind you. Although it's only my second full day here, I can feel myself unwinding as I lay, shrugging off the hectic pace I've been keeping in D.C., New York, and London.

Greece, to my great relief, has a very different rhythm, which counts as a busy day beachgoing, afternoon napping, leisurely dinners, and ten hours of sleep a night.

hours of sleep a night.

Both at the beach and in my wanderings through town, I encounter very few Americans on Mykonos. That is, aside from the cruise line crowd who hemorrage from the big boats each mid-afternoon to walk around the waterfront looking like they just fell off the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. And although there are many queers here, I seldom see them by day except at the beach. Like bats, they seem to come out only at night, this time fully clothed and flocking to the gay bars like the Anchor or the Kasro, in Mykono's "Little Venice" section. Most of them, whatever country they re from, have no use for me whatsoever, so I like it at the nude beach alone, unfolding in the sunshine, smoothing suntan oil on my bare burn, and reading a trashy novel I wouldn't be seen with at home.

with at home.

A young guy I met on the beach, originally from L.A., says he's never been happier than on Mykonos. By days he walks the dog, writes in his journal, and sits at the beach. By night he runs a club or goes to other people's. He enjoys the tourists, but says the native gay community on the island's "Ferocious." "Everyone knows all about you the week after you arrive," he says. Sort of like San Francisco, I think, but do not say. Everyone here smiles and sighs when they hear where I live, and I don't want

to spoil anyone's illusions. In fact, I feel enormous love for San Fran while I'm away. Perhaps I've had to get this far away to remember to really appreciate it.

Even though Mykonos is situated out in the middle of the sea, it has a surprising number of shops, many of them selling things you'd expect to see on Castro Street, like Doc Martens, Converse, and baseball caps. Thankfully, there's no Hilton here yet, but there is a mini-Hard Rock Cafe, a Benetton, and a Swatch boutique, all situated next to tiny storefronts where natives sell t-shirts, leather goods, and handknit sweaters. Mothers still had their washing to dry in alleyways under the strong Mediterranean sun, and the narrow cobblestone streets are barely wide enough for two scooters to pass. Friendly stray cats wander everywhere, women ride donkeys to go do the shopping, and a large, coral-colored Pelican preens itself inside a local jewelry

Most residents, including everyone involved in any aspect of the tourist trade, speak English, and I barely have any change to practice my one memorized Greek expression — "Kahleemehrah," or good morning. This island has become so flooded with tourists, both gay and straight, so very quickly, that I fear in 20 years the banker boys will have moved in and spoiled it. I'm glad I've visited before that has a chance to happen.

As the sun begins its slow descent over the horizon, Ilook up from writing to realize that every ocean-front table at Alefkandra's is now full. I finish up the remains of my Greek salad, my "beftedes"—spicy meatballs — and sip the rest of my now cold cappucino. The water in front of me glitters, small waves lap the shore, and the nearby islands have become only blue-grey outlines as it's darkened. Soon, I'll walk back up the short steep hill to my hotel, through the town with its traditional, two story white houses with blue windows. I'll sit on my balcony, overlooking the ocean, and watch the sky turn pink, then purple, as the nights first stars appear in the clear, cool, evening air. Soon, I think, but not just yet. For on the eve of my 29th birthday, I'm enjoying my sea-side solitude on Mykonos, where there's no big hurry to do anything except just sit and relax. \(\bar\)

### More Coverage, Extra Income For Medicare, MediCal Recipients

by Thomas P. McCormack

Modest-income aged and disabled Medicare patients can receive free extra health coverage—and even an added \$36.60 in their Social Security checks—from the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program run by local welfare offices.

The federal QMB law re-The federal QMB law requires state and local welfare agencies to pay the \$36.60 Medicare Part B premium, the \$676 hospital admission deductible, the \$100 doctor bill deductible, and the 20 percent doctor bill co-insurpercent doctor bill co-insurance for low-income Medicare recipients. States make the QMB payments through their Medicaid programs (or Medi-Cal in California) and handle arrangements with Social Security and Medicare. Eligible individuals get full coverage for virtually all medical care except prescriptions, dental, and nursing home care (although these too are offered to those individuals who receive full, regular Medicaid from their states). from their states).

Both QMB and regular Medicaid enrollees — even those without current medical bills — get a \$36.60 increase in their Social Security checks when the state takes over payment of the Part B premium previously withheld. They um previously withheld. They are also given I.D. cards, with which they can have doctors and hospitals bill the state for the deductibles and co-payments they used to pay on their own. their own.

In general, aged and disabled Medicare recipients are eligible if they meet the following rules:

•Countable monthly in-

\*Countable monthly income (including gross amounts of Social Security before the Medicare deduction, and any other annuities, pensions, dividends, or earnings) must be below \$580.83 (\$785.83 per couple) in every state except Alaska and Hawaii. To get countable in

come per family, subtract \$20
— and, if there is earned income, subtract an additional \$65, and half of that earned income. income – from the gross. To get the actual, full, gross So-cial Security benefit amount, add \$36.60 to the amount of the Social Security check re-ceived (most forget to do this).

•No more than one lived-in home of any value per fam-ily is allowed.

•No more than one vehicle of any value to go to the doctor per family is allowed.

•No more than \$4,000 (\$6,000 per couple) in liquid assets (cash, savings, bonds, investments, other property and cash, cash surrender, or loan—but not face value of any life insurance). The value of assets that cannot be excluded under other provisions cluded under other provisions is added to this general asset total (and, if over \$4,000 or \$6000, could make an applicant ineligible).

•No more than \$1,500 in a separate (but otherwise ordinary) account for burial expenses or a prepaid refund-able burial arrangement per person is allowed (non-refund-

person is allowed (non-refundable burial prepaid plans and irrevocable burial trusts are not counted at all).

•Reasonable household furnishings, except for machinery, non-marriage jewelry (one wedding and one engagement ring per person are exempt), artwork, or livestock is allowed.

•Non-rental, non-passively held property or business producing income at least six percent of equity, if income is declared and countable, is al-

declared and countable, is allowed. In California, regular Med-

icaid income levels and coverage are even more liberal than QMBs, where applicants meet asset tests of \$2,000 or \$3,000 rather than QMB's \$4,000 or \$6,000. Those individuals to the control of the contr 54,000 or \$6,000. Those indi-viduals meeting these rules get full, regular Medicaid, which not only covers QMB benefits, but also pays for prescriptions, nursing homes, and some dental care. Moreover, disabled people still in their two year wait for Medicare can be eligible too — which is not true for QMB.

California allows singles \$620 income per month; those with liquid assets below \$2,000, but countable income up to \$620 (\$689 for the blind) should apply for full, regular MediCal and SSI (at Social Security offices); the income counting and the home, car, and burial asset tests are the same as for the QMB rules outlined above. California allows singles

Even higher incomes are allowed for "premium-only" QMB recipients — for those singles with countable incomes between \$580.83 and \$638.91, and those couples with countable incomes between \$785.83 and \$864.41 — beginning in 1993. (The asset and income counting rules are, once again, the same as for regular QMB.) While these individuals are still "too rich" for QMB coverage of Medicare deductibles and coinsurances, they can have the state pay their \$36.60 premiums and thereby get that ums and thereby get that much more back in their checks. Again, one applies at the welfare office — not at Social Security.

In addition, those who have lost Social Security disability benefits and Medicare by returning to work can have the state pay their Part A (hospital) premiums of \$221 if their countable incomes are under \$1,161.66, or \$1,571.66 for couples. These individuals would then have to pay their own Part B premiums unless they were also eligible for Medicaid or complete QMB. Here, too, one applies at the welfare office — not at Social

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### Guest Opinion (Continued from page 6)

man rights, and Harvard should be well beyond the point of debating them.

Thirty-one years ago the Army made me feel great shame. I am here today to tell you that it is not I who should have felt that shame. Let's put have felt that shame. Let's put it where it belongs. Shame on the U.S. military for what it did to me and to thousands of others. We no longer apologize for who we are. We will never stop demanding respect for our very existence. And we will continue to insist that Harvard recognize and honor our feelings, our right to equal opportunity, and our place in this university.



### Out of the Closet and Into the Limelight — Oregon's New Gay Lawmaker Gets Personal

Eleven years ago, George Eighmey was offered a posi-tion as a county judge in Il-linois — as long as he "had no skeletons in the closet."
Skeletons were not in Eighmey's closet, but he was. In the midst of a divorce and living the life of a closeted gay man, Eighmey reluctantly declined the offer, fearing his homosexuality would be made public. For Eighmey, that mo-ment seems like a lifetime ago.

Last month, the Multnomah County Board of Commis-sioners chose the Southeast Portland attorney/gay activist to fill the seat of Bev Stein, the tormer District 14 state representative who is making a bid for the top post of the Multnomah County board. "Because of what I've been

through, that is, experiencing the pain of living in the closet, this moment was that much sweeter. I'm out. I'm proud of who I am as a gay man, and I'm proud to be serving the citizens of Oregon," says the 52

year old Democrat.
Eighmey, who is twice divorced and a father, struggled to come to terms with his sexual orientation. He was first divorced in 1976 from a "very wonderful woman" with whom he remains good friends. Not long after, his second marriage — which lasted less than a year — came to an

"I was trying to jump back into the straight life. I was so terrified of being gay. I was afraid of what it would do in terms of my work and how people would perceive me," he people would perceive me, ne explains. "I had a vision of the gay community as being one that was exclusively bar-oriented. I didn't know there were men who were in stable, long-term relationships. Once I was exposed to this reality, I was much more comfortable with my own orientation." For with my own orientation. For the past 12 years, Eighmey has shared his life with Peter. (Although he is fully out, Eighmey did not want to disclose his partner's last name or occupation for fear of dis-crimination.)

"This highlights the reason we need state and federal civil we need state and federal civil rights legislation protecting lesbians and gay men from discrimination," says Eighmey, who will now have an opportunity to lobby lawmakers from the inside. Although he has only been in office a few weeks, Eighmey has had several discussions with legislative colleagues about a statewide gayllesbian rights bill that gained Senate approval but is now floundering in the Republican-dominated House.

"There's a petition going around among House members asking the leadership to give the bill a hearing. I was the first to sign it. I got into one lengthy conversation with a Democrat who began lec-turing me about 'conduct and behavior, you know, the OCA-type lines claiming homosex-uality is a behavior rather than an orientation. We talked very openly and honestly," he says. "At the end of the conversa-tion, he said it was fair that the bill get a hearing and promised to sign the petition. I don't know if he would have signed with someone who had per-sonally experienced the types of fears about discrimination this bill addresses."

Eighmey and openly lesbian state Representative Gail Shibley, also a Portland Democrat, may be making history. They are the first openly lesbian/gay team to sit in the same chamber of a state Legislature. Minnesota state Senator Allan Spear and state Representa tive Karen Clark are both
"out" as are U.S. Representatives Barney Frank and
Gerry Studds of
Massachusetts.

Like Eighmey, Shibley first came to her seat by a county board appointment. That was three years ago. This past elec-tion, she was voted into office

by a landslide. "Gail is wonderful. I'm happy to say that our offices are on the same floor. She is so sharp and I intend to learn as much as possible from her. I really do admire her," says Eighmey. While Shibley has spoken passionately about gay/lesbian rights issues, she has politically defined herself as one who supports many different causes

"That's exactly how I feel.
I'm concerned about the environment, about land-use issues. I'm concerned about reproductive rights," he says.
"I'm not a one issue candidate,
but I intend to be very active
and vocal about civil rights
issues. In fact, what I said to the county commissioners is true: 'Being gay has taught me to work with very difficult peo-ple. I'm not bitter, I'll never be bitter. But I will demand a strong voice for the under-represented populations.' Be-ing gay will enable me to bring an added perspective to the Legislature."

an added perspective of the Legislature."
Eighmey says he has been approached by some law-makers who have expressed relief their new colleague doesn't fit the description of a Queer Nation member. "I'm an old man in a suit and tie.
That may make them more comfortable, but I tell them that if it wasn't for goups like Queer Nation, I would be the

one who seems radical and outrageous. I tell them I appreciate and thank organiza tions like Queer Nation for all the work they have done for our community. We are diverse and I celebrate that

Among his first acts as lawmaker? "I put a picture of Peter on my desk and a poster of the movie Longtime Com-panion on my wall. It doesn't matter if it's another lawmaker or a conservative lobbyist, they will have to see two men hugging. I will not deny our right to hold hands, to be ourselves. I will not be shy when it comes to discussing my life," says Eighmey, adding while he understands he is the new kid on the block, he will not shy away from addressing gay/les-bian issues. "What I've done is approach other colleagues approach other colleagues about bills not directly related to gays, then I throw in, 'You're going to support Senate Bill 34 [the civil rights bill before the House], aren't you?

Ironically — and much to Eighmey's delight — he was sworn in on the same day the Oregon Citizens Alliance filed its new statewide initiative aimed at curbing legal protec-tions for gay and lesbian citizens. "I thank [OCA chief] Lon Mabon for what he's done.
I don't agree with his views,
but I thank him for forcing our
community to get organized. The public is seeing us for the productive decent people we are. The stereotypes are being demolished and the OCA cannot stand that," he says. ▼

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### ACT UP/D.C. Votes To Disband

by David O'Connor

Only weeks after it hosted one of the biggest AIDS ac-tions in the history of the epi-demic, ACT UP/D.C. disband-ed. Or it didn't. Depends on

demic, ACT UP/DC dissoluted. Or it didn't. Depends on whom you believe.

Some 30,000 people encircled the nation's capitol last month to call attention to AIDS, but the Washington, D.C., ACT UP chapter was unable to draw enough members to continue operating, according to Stephen Smith and Sean Bugg. They said the group voted to dissolve itself May 18.

But in a press release issued May 25, renegade activist Wayne Turner said ACT UP/DC is still alive.

Michael Petrelis, who introduced the resolution calling for ACT UP/DC's closure, characterized Turner as an outsider with no real authority in the group.

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"ACT UP/D.C. is dead," Petrelis said. "We voted to put it out of its misery."

Smith and Bugg cited declining membership and lack of support as reasons for foldof support as reasons for folding the chapter that spearheaded the Philip Morris boycott and sprouted ACT UP/Presidential Project. They said the D.C. chapter of the pacesetting activist group was no longer effective.

"ACT UP was becoming a security blanket for a small group of people," Bugg said. "Going to an ACT UP meeting every Tuesday at 7

o'clock isn't going to to bring a cure for AIDS. Some of the arguments against closing were primarily emotional arguments. If it's not doing anything, it's not serving a purpose. People are feeling better on the inside but not making any changes. ACT UP is not about feeling good, ACT UP is about being angry and going out and doing something."

Turner was not available for comment, but he said in his press release that ACT UP/D.C. will continue to demonstrate and lobby.

Smith and Bugg said AIDS activism in general is at a crisis because attention has shifted to other gay issues.

"A lot of people are very frustrated that the military is-sue has become the Holy Grail for the gay community," Bugg said. "The entire controversy has swamped what AIDS activists are supposed

And the election of a gay-friendly president has con-vinced some activists to ease up, Smith said.

"With the election of Bill

"With the election of Bill Clinton, the community was lulled into a false sense of complacency that everything is going to be handed to us on a silver platter," Smith said. "National gay groups are telling us everything is okay, you can go back to Fire Island and Laguna and just (Continued on next pose).

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### Oregon Lesbians and Gays **Under Fire Again**

by Inga Sorensen

Last May, the tiny timber town of Springfield, Oregon, found itself in the national spotlight after voters there ap-proved the nation's first law proved the nation's first law banning certain legal protec-tions for gay and lesbian citizens. Nearly one year later, residents in the working-class town of Cornelius, located about 20 miles west of a much larger and certainly more prolarger and certainly more progressive Portland, voted to do the same. On May 18 — by a two to one margin — Cornelius said no to "special rights for homosexuals," and what they view as an encroaching and dangerous "homosexual agenda".

"It's really terrifying. We're still trying to figure out the best way to fight these types of measures and the Oregon Citizens Alliance has already scored a victory," says longtime activist Donna Red Wing, The Advocate's 1992 Woman of the

The Oregon Citizens Alliance is the ultraconservative group which sponsored Measure 9, a proposed state constitutional amendment that sought to declare gays and lesbians "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." unnatural and perverse." Although the measure fell to Atthough the heastre left to defeat last November by a 55 percent to 44 percent vote, it passed in 21 of Oregon's 36 counties, making it easy for the OCA to identify its solid bases of support. Just weeks after the

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Smith and Bugg said AIDS activists must find new

ways to move people. And they predicted other ACT UP chapters across the country will close, too.

But ACT UP members in

Local chapters still active

"There is a problem with the whole way that the gay community and the AIDS community is relating to AIDS," Reynolds said. "In the

early days of the epidemic and through the '80s, AIDS activism was this mass move-

ment that was uniting a lot of very different types of people. It does not seem to be this

ss movement anymore.

"We've gotten some of what we want and people don't know where to go to get the rest," Reynolds said. "There's not even a consensus

of what people want."
Reynolds said ACT UP chapters are adapting by working on specific issues in smaller groups. For instance, ACT UP/SF has focused on

San Francisco disagree.

election, the OCA announced it would try and pass a toned-down version of Measure 9 in communities across the state. Thirty-three Oregon cities and counties have been targeted. Cornelius was the first test.

"The new initiative says nothing about homosexuality being abnormal and perverse;" The OCA has removed that extreme language, making these measures much more palatameasures much more palata-ble to voters," says Red Wing. That speculation appears to be true — at least in Cornelius. City residents rejected Measure 9 by a vote of 836-771, while approving the new initiative — Measure 34-5 — by a

Measure 34-5, which takes effect June 7, amends the city charter to ban specific civil rights protections for lesbians nd gays. In addition, it says that city money may not be spent "to promote homosexuality or express approval of homosexual behaviors." Mayor Neal Knight led the "Yes on Neal Knight led the "Yes on 34-5" effort, and nearly a dozen Cornelius business owners prominently displayed signs supporting the measure in their windows. Signs asking voters to reject Measure 34-5 were nowhere to be found. "The OCA is going after the

"The OCA is going after the state a piece at a time," says Liz Kaufman, campaign director for the Support Our Communities political action com-mittee. SOCPAC was formed to oppose the local anti-gay in-

prisoners rights and successfully pushed for improved health care at Vacaville

G'dali Braverman, a founding member of ACT UP/Golden Gate, agreed that chapters must focus their energies. He said ACT UP is moving in a new direction.

"It's clear that the marriage "It's clear that the marriage of street activism and advocacy has been confirmed," Braverman said. "How to allow each of those spouses to thrive and work together in a way that's going to bring about changes is what has to be ironed out." Tom Reynolds of ACT UP/SF said he has seen a decline in membership but he believes ACT UP will adapt and continue.

Braverman credited ACT UP street activism with open-ing doors to government and pharmaceutical companies. Loud queers screaming in the streets convinced power bro-kers to negotiate with other activists who appeared mod-

"As ACT UP became more sophisticated and members became more educated, the advocacy component became much more central," Braver-man said. "I don't think the death of one chapter forbodes the death of activism as we know it. It certainly necessi-tates re-evaluation by other chapters dealing with the same issues." ▼

While some activists have called for a boycott of Cornelius - a non-tourist town with 6,000 residents and few businesses — others have focused their energies on mobilizing residents within the targeted communities to fight the local measures.

"This is the route we have to take. People will be more inclined to listen to their friends and neighbors. It's our job to find people within those com-munities who are willing to work on this issue," says rural

work on this issue," says rural organizer Marcy Westerling. Residents in several other communities will vote on similar measures during special elections in late June and September. In addition to the local initiatives, the OCA is pushing a Colorado-style state-wide initiative poised for the 1994 ballot

"If the OCA is able to score "If the OCA is able to score victories in these smaller communities, they'll be able to gain more credibility, increase their fund-raising ability, and will have the momentum going into 1994 statewide election," says gay activist/columnist John Baker. "This is a very scary situation."

The American Civil Liverties Unjou of Oregon plans to

ties Union of Oregon plans to challenge Measure 34-5 and is currently seeking plaintiffs. ▼

### National Black and White Men Together-Together in Chicago

by Dennis Conkin

The Chicago chapter of The National Association of Black and White Men Together will sponsor the group's First Annual Cultural Insti-tute during the group's July 13-17 national convention in

Chicago. NABWMT is a 13-year-old

NABWMT is a 13-year-old national gay interracial and multi-cultural organization that fights racism, sexism, and homophobia.
Keynote speaker at "Rainbow '93: NABWMT — Making a World of Difference" will be Dr. Manning Marable, professor of political science professor of political science and sociology at the Center For Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America at the Uni-versity of Colorado in Boul-

der.
Manning, a syndicated columnist, is a widely published author and consultant to the Congressional Black

Manning will lead a ple-nary session on racism, sex-ism, and homophobia as ob-stacles to progress with other presenters, including Diana

Rodriguez of Stop AIDS Chicago, Earnest Hite of Im-age Plus, and Jeffrey Elliot of the Coalition Against Bash-

the Coalition Against Bashing.

The Cultural Institute will include a week-long array of performances and workshops, plus a week-long art show at the new Chicago Lesbian and Gay Community Center. There will also be special screenings of newly-released films and videos, a river and lakefront boat cruise, and perlakefront boat cruise, and per-formance by Essex Hemphill, Dwight Okita, and Robert Ford.

A full day of technical and organization training work-shops on AIDS for communi-ty-based organizations will ty-based organizations wil also be held during the convention.

Current registration costs are \$150, excluding hotel costs. The site of the conven-tion will be Chicago's historic Bismarck Hotel. For informa-Bisinark Flotel. For information about registration, or how to apply for convention scholarships, contact the NABWMT Convention '93 at 1-800-NA4 BWMT. ▼

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### Call to Action After Tampa Lesbian's Home Is Firebombed

by Karen Ocamb

An incessant ringing jolted Dee DeBerry awake at 7 a.m. last April 4. Picking up the phone she heard: "You lesbian dyke bitch — if you march you'll be one less lesbian in Tampa to deal with."

Groggy from the exhausting trip back to Tampa, Florida, from her mother's home in south Georgia where she'd spent her college spring break, DeBerry wondered who the "weirdo" caller was. She told her roommate Kevin, but they both "blew it off." Besides, nothing was going to stop her AIDS Awareness motorcycle "Ride For Life" to the March on Washington.

Life" to the March on Washington.

"Ride For Life" was a project to which DeBerry had committed herself after she got her own HIV-positive diagnosis. She didn't realize it would lead to a frightening series of death threats. And she certainly didn't realize that the ride or the March would change her life as powerfully as they did—and lead to the destruction of her home.

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DeBerry, 28, contracted HIV through a dirty needle when she got a tattoo in January of 1992. She was diagnosed that April 5 — ironically, only one day short of a year before the phone calls started.

She'd become accustomed to some "rudeness" as she be-came a visible AIDS educator

to some rudeness as she necame a visible AIDS educator who got the message out that anyone—including lesbians—can get HIVAIDS.

But the second threatening phone call at 8 a.m. the next morning scared her: "If you march, you're house will parch." DeBerry yelled back at the "scoffy-voiced," older sounding woman. "I didn't know I had an enemy in the world," DeBerry said later. "It blew my mind."

She called the local telephone company and the Tampa Police, reported the calls, asked for a phone tap, and started keeping a log, as advised. The third call, a few days later, was a long silence.

DeBerry changed her strict

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DeBerry changed her strict
Virgo routine, convinced that
the caller knew her every
move. She called her friend
Nadine Smith, a March cochair in Washington, who
said that DeBerry was among
scores of people who had
called the March headquarters to report threats and ha-

called the March headquarters to report threats and harassment.

But the fourth call "spooked" DeBerry so much she didn't even "cuss" back. "You lesbian, dyke, bitch. If you do this Ride For Life you're going to die," the "scoffy-voiced" person said. "My mind went crazy. Someone threatened to kill me," DeBerry recalled in a

May 21 phone interview. That night at a March kick-off par-ty, Todd Simmons of the Human Rights Task Force talked about DeBerry's threats and vandalism direct-ed against two other local lesbians. By the fifth call, DeBer couldn't wait to get to the

ry couldn't wait to get to the March.
Unfortunately, the leatherclad, five-foot-two, 95-pound DeBerry was no match for the 45-50 knot winds whipped up by a storm front blowing across the Interstate. Unable to hold the motorcycle up, a heartbroken DeBerry parked the bike in a safe space and continued the journey with her back-up, four friends from ACT UP/Tampa. After an overnight with her supportive Baptist mother, the lesbians went to Washington.
"It changed my life," DeBerry said. She was one of seven women impacted by HIV who met with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, and later that night she grabbed a candle and joined over 20,000 others for the Dyke March down Connecticut Avenue.

It wasn't until early Monday morning continuing the

It wasn't until early Mon-day morning, continuing the March celebration, that De-Berry found out that someone had firebombed her triplewide, four bedroom mobile home on Windward Lakes. It was a miracle that no one was killed. Kevin was at AIDS

Dee De Berry

work. But her elderly neighbors in the trailer park lived fewer than a dozen feet away. It was a four alarm fire. The intensity of the heat forced the firefighters to give up on her home and make sure the flames didn't catch any others. Later the Fire any others. Later the Fire Marshall called the fire arson, noting that it was "very pro-fessional." The fire was set in three different areas. The trailer had been "shut and sealed tight." They found traces of chemicals, evidence of burglary, and surprisingly,

a portion of the phonebook. But the section where DeBer-ry had kept her log had clear-ly been ripped off.

Despite the phone threats, the police reports, and a sympathetic Mayor and Fire Marshall, the firebombing of De-Berry's home has not yet been labelled a hate crime because of Tampa's strict stan-

dards.
"We don't have enough cri-"We don't have enough criteria that she was specifically targeted," says Tampa Police spokesperson Scott Guffey, whose brother is gay. "We also have to show that sexual preference [sic] figured into the suspect's specific motivation in setting the fire. We don't have that." However, Guffey points out, the Fire Marshall is diligently working on the felony case and has

Marshall is diligently working on the felony case and has identified some suspects.

DeBerry has been moving around in fear for her life. The American Family Association, the right-wing extremists who succeeded in having a gay rights ordinance overturned last November, has produced a videotape called "The Gay Agenda" to promote a state-wide Amendment 2-like referendum. DeBerry is featured during the last fifteen minutes of the tape — marching in Washington.

ton.

To draw attention to DeBerry's plight and the need to
Fight the Right in Florida,
ACT UP/Tampa and the
Tampa chapter of the Lesbian
Avengers have called for a
march and rally on June 12-14 in Tampa.

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### 'Amendment 2' Goes to School

by Mike Salinas

The good news is that a resolution introduced by some students at Bremerton High School in Washington state, which would have made homosexuality grounds for impeachment from the student council, was voted down by the student body. The bad news is that it was introduced in the first place.

On May 19, Bremerton High students voted down the proposed amendment to the student constitution, worded

student constitution, worded to explicitly discriminate against lesbians and gays, 57 against testians and gays, 57 percent to 43 percent, after also rejecting it by a two-to-one margin in an earlier vote.

The proposal was introduced at the high school's an-

nual constitutional convention this year, along with several other, less controversial, meaother, less controversiat, mea-sures, and was passed by the student council for considera-tion by the full student body. The text of the proposal was as follows:

"In order to preserve the integrity and high moral standards that Bremerton High School is built upon. [sic] In the event that a member of student government (consist-ing of Executive and Legisla-tive Branch) is found to be openly practicing immoral ac-tivities (sexual harassment, indecent exposure, homosexual-ity, sodomy). [sic] The affore [sic] mentioned student would be considered for immediate impeachment from office"
The proposal was backed

by conservative students, such as junior Michael Mercer, who told reporters, "For me, the issue is clear." Mercer also admitted that his reason for

admitted that his reason for supporting the measure is because "the Bible says homosexuality is wrong."

At least one Bremerton High student, 19-year-old Todd McCauley, came out of the closet as a way of educating his classmates about the reality of who leaking and the control of the close and the leaking and the lea reality of who lesbians and gays are, and to persuade them to reject the proposal.

them to reject the proposal.

Principal Marilee Hansen told the Bay Area Reporter she would have vetoed the measure as discriminatory if it had passed, but permitted the vote in order to foster "healthy discussion" and to encourage students to take part in the democratic process.

"It was passionate," she told the Bay Area Reporter, "but there were never anything like fights over it.
"Since last year, there have been strong with the party of the strong with the strong

Since last year, there have been strong right-wing moralistic attitudes" among some Bremerton students, Hansen told the B.A.R. She said she believes both the resolution and the vote "probably" reflect the feelings of the larger.

and the vote "probably" reflect the feelings of the larger population of the town.

Bremerton is, according to Hansen, a "blue-collar military town" located across Puget Sound from Seattle. Hansen also told the B.A.R. that her mail and telephone calls about the proposal ran four-to-one against the amendment. ▼

### **GLAAD Media Watch**

### Indigestible Homophobia

Reader's Digest, with a massive circulation of over 28 million in 16 languages, continues reprint homophobic diathes. The lune issue features tribes. The June issue features "Gays in the Military?" a profoundly ignorant editorial condensed from the Chicago Tri-

Mike Royko, the editorial's author, argues that "gays have skillfully used the media to argue that the military ban is nothing more than discrimination. Those who disagree are called gay-bashers." Royko asks his readers to support the han and to listen to the military. asks his readers to support the ban, and to listen to the mili-tary generals and not to the general public. Military "lead-ers," Royko says, "know more about what it takes to win wars than Barbra Streisand or the Gay and Lesbian Al-liance"

Royko's "analysis" includes the usual litany of heterosexist fears and fantasies, as he pon-ders what it would mean to "shower and sleep near" a gay soldier "for months at a time." "And," Royko goes on to say,
"since we're talking about sex
— specifically a form of sex
that most Americans consider morally wrong — anybody who says it won't affect morale and discipline in the

morale and ciscipline in the military has never been in a barracks on a crowded troop ship."

Even more offensive than Royko's ranting is the fact that Reader's Digest has once again decided to reprint a defamatory article, consider. Reader's Digest has once again decided to reprint a defamatory article, considerably boosting the circulation of such hateful messages. Meanwhile, there has been a relative flood of affirmative magazine and newspaper articles featuring lesbian, gay and bisexual subjects. Why are these articles never reprinted within the pages of Reader's Digest? For that matter, when — if ever — have you seen any lesbian or gay references in the many "short anecdotes, quips and quotations," which are sent in by readers and appear throughout Reader's Digest?

Send your comments and complaints to Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Editor-in-Chief, Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, NY, 10570.

### The Oprah Winfrey Show

For better and - not infre quently — for worse, lesbians, gays and bisexuals continue to be the object of many talk show hosts' desires. On May 19, The Oprah Winfrey Show those pseudo-religious cults that purport to transform homosexuals into heterosexuals. Featured on the show were

change ministry spokesmodels John and Anne Paulk, who op-erate "Love In Action," the San Rafael-based organiza-tion that "cures" lesbians and gay men. Also on the same gay men. Also on the same show were Joel Payne, a gay man who had survived "Love In Action" and refuted many of the outrageous claims made by the Paulks, and Keith Johnson, who had begun to live in celibacy rather than live the "sinth!" if of a sayually active 'sinful"life of a sexually active

gay man. Other guests included ho mophobic psychologist (and quack) Joseph Nicolosi, Ph.D., author of Reparative Therapy for the Male Homosexual. Offering a rebuttal to Nicolosi was Richard Isay, M.D., author of Being Homosexual. While no doubt attempting to "achieve balance" with these and similar pairs of guests, the producers of Oprah seem to be missing a fundamental point. Pitting a respected doctor against a lying queck is not point. Pitting a respected doctor against a lying quack is not exactly a "balanced" forum. If no reputable doctors can be found to defend these change ministries, then the show's producers should say as much, and leave it at that. Talk show creators need to be reminded, except and except. minded – again and again – to avoid the "Hitler's Opinion Syndrome." Just as a Nazi would not be required for a "balanced" discussion of anti-Semitism, a homophobic lunatic is not needed to "bal-

Semitism, a homophobic lunatic is not needed to "balance" discussions of lesbian, gay and bisexual issues.

Oprah Winfrey herself handled the subject, generally, with fairness and sensitivity. When a "former lesbian" claimed that her lesbianism was the result of growing up in a dysfunctional family, Oprah replied: "We all did." When one guest said that because he was gay, God wanted him to bear the burden of living in celibacy, Oprah asked: ing in celibacy, Oprah asked "Did God want you to be tor-

while the show presented an array of opinions, it still managed to focus on the "problem" of homosexuality. It's time for all TV talk show producers to refocus their lenses, and begin to take a long look at homophobia — what causes it and how it can be cured.

Send your observations and suggestions to Debra Dimato, Executive Producer, The Oprah Winfrey Show, 110 N. Carpenter Street, Chicago, IL

### Medical Homophobia

Medical Homophobia

The Journal of the American Medical Association
(JAMA) refused to accept a paid advertisement from the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR). The ad, which is headlined "Warning: Homophobia may Be Hazardous to Your Health," draws attention to violence and discrimination against lesbians and gays and encourages AMA passage of a sexual orientation nondiscrimination policy. ination policy.
Robert Kenneth, vice pr

Robert Kenneth, vice president of publishing for JAMA, said that the ad was rejected because it was "political" and "not scientific." However, AAPHR director Ben Schatz pointed out that JAMA has published a variety of political and "non-scientific" ads in the cast, including military, as past, including military re-cruitment advertisements and ads from pharmaceutical companies challenging drug pric-

panies chancing in gregulations.
Send letters to Robert Kenneth, Journal of the American Medical Association, 515
North State Street, Chicago,

#### Lesbian/Gay Grandparenting

A soon-to-be-published book will include the stories of book will include the stories of lesbian and gay grandparents who are raising their grand-children. Stories for the forth-coming anthology are being gathered by the American Friends Service Committee's Portland office, which hopes to make the book as diverse as possible. If you have a submission to offer, call Sherrian Haggar AFSC Education Pro-Haggar, AFSC Education Program Director, at 503-230-9429

### California News

Surprise in L.A.:

### **Gay Primary Loser Refuses** To Endorse Lesbian Winner

Despite the heated cam-Despite the heated campaign run by openly lesbian former L.A. Unified School Board President Jackie Goldberg against AIDS Healthcare Foundation President Michael Weizer and Michael Wei ael Weinstein during the pri-mary, most of the Los Ange-les gay community expected Weinstein to endorse Gold-berg in the run-off for the 13th Council District. If Gold-herr wins against propaga. berg wins against non-gay, conservative Tom LaBonge, she will become the first open lesbian or gay elected to the L.A. City Council.

But no dice: Weinstein has endorsed LaBonge.

"This election is not about

I first election is not about shock ideology but about specific issues important to the 13th district and the city," Weinstein said. "I'm in closer agreement

with [LaBonge] than Jackie. I expect to have a relationship with him that gives me access and openness, not only on AIDS issues but other issues As part of my endorsement I required that he make a public written statement supporting domestic partnership and having an open gay or lesbian liaison to the community." Weinstein explained that he had not made the decision "lightly" and that "there was

"lightly" and that "there was the potential for it to go the other way, but Jackie didn't seem to have an interest in that." He claimed that Goldberg had not extended "an olive branch" after a "very difficult campaign." Goldberg said that an "olive branch" was extended but "he turned me down."

me down."
"I think it's sour grapes and I feel badly for him that

he's put himself on the outside looking in. We would have welcomed him as part of this great effort," Goldberg said of Weinstein's endorsesaid of Weinstein's endorse-ment. "I hope that any nega-tive reaction is restricted to him and not to his organization which is an important one in this community

The race "all hinges on us getting the vote out," Goldberg says. "The gay and lesbian vote is very, very important," perhaps making "the difference between victory and defeat." As many as 15 percent of registered voters in the area are believed to be gay. Goldberg is concerned that conservative mayoral candidate Richard Riordan's popularity in the district will hurther. ▼

### Bloom To Leave APLA

Leonard Bloom, executive director of AIDS Project Los Angeles, told staffers on May 27 that he will not be returning after his contract is up in ng after his contract is up in November. Bloom has been strongly criticized by some APLA staff for "elitism" — seeming to prefer being with record mogul David Geffen

rather than PWAs. Bloom has also been criticized for sometimes saying one thing in public and doing something else behind closed doors, and for his "argumentative, interfering micro-management" style.

However, Bloom support-ers note that his connection with the entertainment industry has brought an upsurge in

funding that has facilitated some departmental expan-sion. Bloom is also credited with boosting the public polwith boosting the public policy department and with hiring former L.A. City AIDS coordinator Phill Wilson as the department head. Wilson was one of seven lesbians and gays who met with President Clinton. Addionally, Bloom supporters say, his rhetoric has taken on a sorely needed militancy about the AIDS epedemic. ▼



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LYRIC youth discussion group facilitators Vincent Fuqua (left) and Arnel Valle, LYRIC Coordinator of HIV Youth Programs Phil Clark, and youth facilitator Vi Huynh.

### LYRIC Goes to the Castro

by Rene M. Astudillo

San Francisco's lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are coming home to the Castro. On May 20, the City Planning On May 20, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve, with conditions to be worked out, LYRIC's application for a conditional use permit to convert a three-story residential house on Collingwood Street

house on Collingwood Street into a lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth center.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center) is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the needs of gay and bisexual youth—providing among other things—counseling, HIV education, support groups as well as recreation activities. It has put in a bid to purchase and renovate the property on and renovate the property on 123-127 Collingwood Street, using a half million-dollar grant from the city. The amount represents an unused portion of Medical monies given back to the city by the Federal government. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors originally allocated the money for a gay and lesbian center during the time of Mayor Art Agnos, and restored by the Jordan administration. Supervisor Roberta

Achtenberg was the leading proponent of the grant.

The proposed youth center had generated some controversy after residents in the Collingwood neighborhood objected to what they considered the least of the control o ered the loss of sound resi

dential housing. Owners of nearby units complained about the potential noise, the increase of human and vehicular traffic, anti-social behavior, and security risks that could result from the estab-

lishment of the center.
Sandra Richter, a Colling-wood resident who testified at the hearing, questioned the propriety of putting a youth center near Collingwood park, where, she says, gay park, where, she says, gay cruising and drug dealings go on practically unchecked. Most of the residents who tes-tified against the granting of the use permit, however, said

the use permit, however, said that they were supportive of the programs and services undertaken by LYRIC for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth. A large group of LYRIC supporters, wearing lavender badges, showed up at the hearing, including teenagers involved with LYRIC's programs and representatives grams and representatives from the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (MHR) and the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), both of which are located in the neighborhood. Father Zachary Shore pastor of Zachary Shore, pastor of MHR, presented the commis-sion with 300 letters of support from his parishioners, while Phil Nelson of MCC submitted 120 similar letters. San Francisco School

Board president Tom Ammiano also spoke on behalf of the proposed project. Among the youth speakers were Feli-cia Park-Rogers, who assured the commission members, aswell as the concerned residents, that "we are part of a clean and sober organization," and Khiem Bui, who said that he considered the proposed location a safe area compared to LYRIC's present location as 18th Street in the Mission on 18th Street in the Mission.

Towards the end of almost four hours of testimony, those who were against the granting of the permit to LYRIC had felt that the whole proposal was a "done deal," and posal was a done deal, and concentrated on an effort to gain more concessions in terms of the restricting conditions for the use of the building. Such conditions cover the hours of operation for the center, the use of the build-ing's parking lot and rear paa mechanism for self-regulation by LYRIC, as well as a means for the neighboring residents to bring concerns directly to the zoning administrator. The conditions will be worked out between LYRIC and representatives of the residents opposed to the center, and will be presented back to the commission in two weeks.

Part of LYRIC's proposal is the setting up of a neighborhood advisory council that will help thresh out concerns relative to the operation of the center. LYRIC director Dan Barutta says, "We want to be good neighbors. We owe it to our youth to be good neighbors so that we can conneighbors so that we can continue to provide them with a safe place they can go home

**Community News** 

### Gay and Lesbian World Tra

by Jim Emerson

Gay entrepreneur Tom Roth is taking the Gay & Les-bian World Expo on a tour to 11 cities from now through November, with the help of American Airlines, following the Expo's successful debut at the Sheraton Palace Hotel

here in San Francisco.

A record-setting 418 travel buffs and 137 travel agents mingled for three hours among 45 exhibits May 20, at among 45 exhibits May 20, at the largest travel industry event of its kind to ever take place. Reportedly, the first ever travel industry commercial event targeting gay travelers took place last year at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York, but it attracted only about 250 participants and fewer travel promoters.

Exhibitors represented at the Expo last week came from throughout California to promote a variety of gay and

promote a variety of gay and lesbian cruises, besides international tours and events, adventure trips, a gay dude ranch, trips for gay fathers and sons, and lesbian jungle expeditions in Latin America.

Reaction to the Expo was generally favorable among exhibitors — who paid \$150 to participate — and attendees, participate — and attendees, who lined up outside in a hallway to pay \$5 admission. Particularly delighted was Raymond Pullicar of Sacra-mento, who won two round-trip airline tickets to Paris

and a pair of Eurail passes, which American Airlines donated as a door prize.

"I think it's very advantageous to have have something like this for gays and lesbians, and very exciting," said attendee Joseph West, a long-time resident of the City.

Exhibitors representing a mixture of gay and gay-friendly travel businesses seemed equally enthusiastic.

seemed equally enthusiastic. I'm happy to be at the first travel conference where I can talk directly with clients," said Tracy L. Michaels, pres-ident of Santa Monica based Skylink, a women's tours and events promoter.

"I'm very surprised at the

size of the turnout," said Nick size of the turnout," said Nick Dempsey, president of Aloha Lani Weddings, a division of San Francisco-based Edward Gee & Associates, a company that organizes tours booked through travel agents.

Roth feels buoyed by the yond my initial expectations," he told the Bay Area Reporter.
"It's on to New York now, and then Atlanta," he added. Next on the Expo circuit will be Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle, Boston and Miami, before it returns to San Francisco September 23.
More Expos are scheduled to follow in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Honolulu, and Chicago, Honolulu, and

### Youth

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tailored to reach youth at

Some youth are reluctant to visit agencies where they must complete paper work and leave their names, according to Thomas Tymstone of 18th Street Services.

18th Street Services.

"We want to make an environment where the young person is comfortable, give kids a sense of what their body is doing," Tymstone said. "To reach a young person, you have to get through the idea that they're invincible. Until the end of the Earth, kids will always think of themselves as young and invincible. Living in the '90s, it's definitely dangerous and they have to take care."

To reach youth at risk for HIV, 18th Street Services, LYRIC and Stop AIDS have developed programs targeting young men who have sex with other men.

A wide range of programs, including health care, psychology, and drug counseling, is available at 18th Street Ser-

Stop AIDS Project offers discussions groups specifically for young men to talk about issues surrounding dating and

"We talk about a lot of issues related to the epidemic, including safe sex, unsafe sex, and what people's definition of those things are and how easy or difficult it is to stick with," said Johnny Symons of Stop AIDS. "Situations will up where people are

safe most of the time and when people slip we help them identify where their risk triggers are.
"We get people talking to

"We get people talking to each other about how they're handling things," Symons said. "Everyone's dealing with it individually and a lot of times people don't talk enough. We can't help each other if we don't open those doors."

LYRIC is kicking off a se-LYRIC is kicking off a series of discussion groups targeting specific youth populations: Power Talks is an African-American group; Interact is for youth who are just coming out; Queer Space, presented in conjunction with Hospitality House, offers support for homeless youth: Into port for homeless youth; Into The Groove, presented in conjunction with Stop AIDS, is a drop-in group for men un-der age 25; and Money Can't Buy It! targets Asian/Pacific Islander youth.

Vincent Fuqua, who is 23 and facilitates the Power Talks discussions, said AIDS service providers must take education programs to communities at risk because marginalized populations won't come to an agency.

"In the African-American community there's a different

community there's a different dialogue and we have to tai-lor the message," Fuqua said. "A lot of young gays and bi-sexuals don't believe that it's hitting their community.

For more information For more information about programs targeting young men at risk, call LYRIC at (415) 703-6150, Stop AIDS Project at (415) 621-7177, or 18th Street Services at (415) 861-4898. ▼

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### Travel Expo Launched in S.F.

Although the event was officially apolitical, there was a political undercurrent evident at the Expo, as gay political issues were discussed informally among Expo attendees, and the day before at a special trade workshop for travel agents only. Recent events in Colorado and Hawaii, and the presence of American Airlines, seemed to generate the most discussion. most discussion.

Dempsey said he attended

Dempsey said he attended to meet travel agents so he could discuss plans for developing honeymoon tours for gays traveling to Hawaii, pending anticipated lifting of legal prohibitions against gay marriages in the Aloha State. Dempsey, while manning an exhibit at the Expo, reported that travel agents — both gay and straight — have mixed reactions to his business plans to promote gay

mixed reactions to his business plans to promote gay wedding tours. "Some think gay marriages will be a boon to Hawaiian travel, but others believe it will reduce business because some unenlightened people will be offended," he said.

said.

Roth took time out from schmoozing with travel industry exhibitors to say that he could find no consensus among travel agents on whether to continue the boycott of Colorado or promote some form of insurface. some form of in-your-face travel protests. Roth declined to comment on his personal opinions.

However, a potential con-

troversy concerning Colorado apparently averted itself: no one appeared to be openly promoting travel to Colorado at the Expo. "I neither purposefully included nor excluded anyone or anything having to do with Colorado," Roth said. "It just happened that

way."
American Airlines, which was the only airline represented at the Expo, had its table positioned directly across from the entrance so few attendees could miss it. Employees working at the exhibit was coolers in the exhibit.

tew attendees could miss it. Employees working at the exhibit were apologetic when questioned about the much publicized homophobic incident on flight 701, when airline employees insulted passengers going to the March On Washington, D.C.

When confronted on the matter, Joette Schmidt, a district manager for the airline, quickly apologized and offered a copy of a written apology from American Airlines chairman Bob Crandall. "That's our formal apology to everyone who was offended by the actions of a few employees," Schmidt said.

American Airlines is working on a new domestic parters beget in the said with the said and the said with the said

ing on a new domestic part-ner benefits plan and will continue to maintain progressive policies towards gays, Schmidt said. She declined to comment further on pending policy changes, but instead discussed why she feels current policies don't discriminate against gays.

American Airlines allows American Affilines allows employees earning sales performance incentive travel awards to bring any "companion" along on trips, and the airline donated \$40,000 worth of airline tickets in April to musicians traveling to the AIDS Dance-a-thon in San Francisco, she said. Schmidt also confirmed that American

Francisco, she said. Schmidt also confirmed that American Airlines plans to help Roth sponsor more Expos in other cities. "We have a long and proud history working with the gay community," she said.

The International Gay Travel Association (IGTA) of Key West, Florida, found in a recent survey that American Airlines was the preferred airline for gay and lesbian travel. IGTA reports more of its members book flights through American Airlines than any of the other seven major carriers.

"I have to give American Airlines a lot of credit for being so progressive," Roth said.

He contacted several airlines seeking a corporate sponsor, but only a few even responded. Continental and Delta never responded, while United and Northwest declined to participate, Roth said.

As a precedent-setting trav-

said.

As a precedent-setting travel industry event in San Francisco, the Expo was different than most travel industry trade shows, because consumers were invited. Travel industry events are pormally. industry events are normally attended only by travel agents



and tour promoters trying to sell services to travel agents. "I brought everyone together because I'm trying to create more demand for gay travel,"

Roth said.

Roth, a Marin County resident, organized the event and founded his company (called the Marketing Department) because he wanted to start a new career working in

start a new career working in the gay community.

There's very little market-ing being done besides some limited print advertising and "people just aren't aware of the wide ranging availability of options" for gay travel,

Roth said. "I've found that many travel agents just think of gay travel as RSVP cruises or the gay Club Med-types of travel," he said.

Roth formerly owned and operated a traditional Asian clothing import business, after a stint as a travel organiz-er for cooperate group tours. Roth received an MBA in business administration in 1985 from Maharishi University, an accredited university in Iowa where all the students practice transcendental meditation as part of the curricu-lum. ▼

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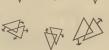
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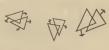
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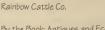












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#### **World News**

### AIDS in El Salvador: A New Problem, In a Country with So Many Old Ones

by Matthew Wettlaufer

During early April of this year, the author spent nine days in El Salvador, conducting workshops and interviews on AIDS prevention and edu on ADS prevention and education, assessing the study of the epidemic, and attempting to expedite the establishment of an AIDS eduction project linking individuals at the Health Education Department of San Francisco State University with clinics based in San Salvador.

The project, named the Oscar Romero AIDS Project, sets to address specific needs sets to address specific needs of Salvadoran clinics by sending literature, condoms, and disposible gloves, and by conducting workshops.

El Salvador is a relatively small country, about the size of Vermont, located near the center of the Central American isthmus. It has a population of over five million, up to 80 percent of whom live in poverty. Thirty percent live in what is described as "chronic poverty."

Salvadoran farmers have always focused on export crops: domestic crops that could provide food for Salvadorans has yet to become a priority for the landowning class. Efforts at organizing for

class. Efforts at organizing for change have usually met with change have usually met with failure, the best example being the 1952 massacre of Indian peasants who rose up under the leadership of Farabundo Marti. Historians estimate over 30,000 peasants were hunted down and exterminated by the forces of General Maximilio Hernandez. The episode reminds Salvadorans of a pattern that has been repeated over and over been repeated over and over

again to the present day. In the 1970s, liberation theology began making its way into El Salvador's Jesuit com-munity and the relatively new munity and the relatively new grassroot-Christian Base Communities. Through them, the poor and marginalized were given the means by which to identify their condition, their health or lack of health, and their oppression. By relating the condition of the Salvadoran poor to texts in the Rible ran poor to texts in the Bible, in work that was to become the foundation for the popular resistance, rural catechists taught the poor that they were a people of inherent worth.

The government, sensing such efforts were a tangible threat to its authority, set out upon an unprecedented perse-cution of the Catholic Church. Thousands of priests, nuns, catechists, teachers, students, unionists, health care workunionists, neath care work-ers, doctors, nurses, and peas-ants were either threatened, tortured, exiled, or simply "disappeared" over the next three years, their mutilated remains appearing days or weeks later as a warning to

others.

Repression reached its zenith with the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero March 24th, 1980, reportedly ordered by Roberto D'Aubisson, a leader of the ARENA party, which is the party in power in El Salvador today. Shortly after Romero's death, civil war broke out between the popular resistance and the Salvadoran military.

lvadoran military. Throughout the 1980s,



Herbal medicines at an El Salvador clinic - including oregano (Photo: Matthew Wettlaufer)

over 75,000 Salvadorans died as a consequence of the war. Hundreds of thousands were displaced or driven into exile in neighboring countries. Due in large part to substantial and continual military aid from the United States (at one point the U.S. was send-ing a million dollars a day to the Salvadoran military, more the Salvadoran military, more aid than any other country received from Washington at the time), the Salvadoran government — being incapable of achieving a military victory over the rebels — settled instead for a prolonged and bitter stalemate in which neither.

stead for a prolonged and bit-ter stalemate in which neither side gained ground.

An example of how the past plays a pervasive influ-ence on the present was evi-dent in Guarjila, a small town in the district of Chalatenan-go. During an AIDS workgo. During an AIDS work-shop at the clinic there, one of the three health promoters— a nun who had spent the last five years in Guarjila— was suddenly called away to a public disinterment of Sal-vadorans who had been killed in a massacre by the army A in a massacre by the army. A Guarjila family was hoping to find the bones of their daughter, but since it was a mass grave, there was scant hope.

### The health system(s)

There are two health systems in El Salvador: the "official" one is under the control of the Ministry of Health, and the other is a system orga-nized during the years of the war by grassroots communi-ties. Where the Ministry of Health tends to focus its attention on the development of private medical care and state-run hospitals that are too costly for most Salvadorans and often inefficient, to boot and often intrincient, to boot—
the non-governmental clinics
direct their energies toward
the training of health care
promoters who work in their
own communities. Most are
women under 30, possessing
remedial skills in reading and
writing

Despite this lack of formal training, they are impressively knowledgeable and experienced regarding health care concerns directly affecting their communities. They are also—more to the point—less

also — more to the point — less expensive than hospitals.

One example, according to Emma Landaverde, a physician and administrator at CRIPDES (for the "Christian Committee for the Displaced of El Salvador"), is that at Hospital Rosales, a pregnant woman would have to pay 40 colones (on the average, two weeks' salary) for delivery, or 60 colones if there are complications — as there often are, owing to the poor state of health of Salvadoran women. If the woman is unable to pay, If the woman is unable to pay, she is kept on the premises until an equivalent amount of

she is kept on the premises until an equivalent amount of her blood is taken to cover the cost of the bill.

The price for seeing a private physician is, on the average, 160 colones — far beyond the reach of most Salvadorans, who usually earn about 20 colones (the equivalent of about \$2) a week.

Another example of the tension existing between the Ministry of Health and the grassroots health clinics is the issue of vaccinations. While the Ministry of Health does provide vaccination programs for children, it does not pay for them, nor does it attempt to defray the costs for low income families. In 1992 the cost for vaccinations for a child ran at 25 colones; in the space of several months it space of several months it was raised to 100 colones. Only after protest and peti-tioning by CRIPDES and other re clinics was the original price restored. But, as the wage figures quoted above show, even 25 colones ex-ceeds the limits of most fam-ilies' budgets.

Now that the war has end-Now that the war has end-ed, many doctors who had worked in guerilla-held terri-tory and with the guerillas di-rectly are now finding it diffi-cult to resettle. The relation-ship between the Ministry of Health and the popular resis-

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tance seems to be one of tugof-war, in which each side seeks to establish its own vi-sion of a post-war health care system in El Salvador. Al-though the grassroots clinics have recently been recognized have recently been recognized and legalized by the government, there is an attempt on the part of some Ministry officials to reorganize these clinics administratively, placing their own people (from the ruling ARENA party) in positions currently occupied by members of the resistance. Thus far the attempts have met with failure; members of the resistance believe that if

the resistance believe that if ARENA people begin directing clinics that operate in tering clinics that operate in ter-ritories once held by guerillas, they will also act as intelli-gence-gatherers for the securi-ty forces. Another fear is that the successes accomplished by these health clinics will be credited not to the health pro-moters who have done all the moters who have done all the work but to the ARENA par-ty, further legitimizing the government's overall health care agenda.

#### AIDS in El Salvador

The Ministry of Health has promoted various AIDS media campaigns, such as bill-boards and slogans painted on highway overpasses. One such slogan reads "Vida Sin SIDA" ("Live without AIDS"). Similar ads run on radio and television, in an attempt to spark public awareness or the spark public awareness or the epidemic. But judging from conversations with health care professionals and lay people — who comprise precisely the audience that the ads are directed at — the campaign isn't working very well.

necessary to prevent the spread of AIDS have not occurspread of AIDS have not occurred on any nationwide scale, according to promoters who are very familiar with the behaviors and habits of their patients. The ads themselves are often treated as a joke; AIDS is perceived as a foreign problem having little relevance to Salvadoran reality.

reality. High risk factors and situ ations presently existing in El Salvador will, unless altered, contribute significantly to the spread of the epidemic. One is the promiscuity practised by heterosexual men.

According to Berta Diaz, an administrator at Plan International (an agency that works with shantytown inhabitants in improving sewer systems and sanitary water sources) many communities are run by women. In one such community we visited, most of the hus-bands and fathers of families had run off, leaving their wives to care for their children. The remaining men often sleep around with different women in the community, rarely practising safe sex. Such a situation is a disaster waiting to happen should one or these men or women be-come infected with HIV.

Another risk factor is the

Another risk factor is the Catholic hierarchy's prohibition against condom use (although this prohibition — from my observation — is not advocated by health care practitioners, even if the practitioners in question are members of the clergy). As one nun, a pediatrician in Chalatenango, put it, what the bishops say and what nuns and priests say are two nuns and priests say are two separate matters.

The machismo in Salvado-

ran society also poses a risk Salvadoran men dislike con doms and fear that they interfere with their masculinity. Safe sex guidelines, more often than not, are taught to women, who are not socially in a strong enough position to prevail upon men the need for altering their sexual behavior. This problem has yet to be successfully resolved.

The most complex risk factor in terms of HIV control is the contradictory homophobia that exists in Salvadoran society: contradictory because

that exists in Salvadoran society: contradictory because there is such a sizable gay and bisexual population in San Salvador—and in the country-side—but there are no open or underground gay rights groups (with the exception of one les-bian organization in the capital). Thus there is no central place to begin educational out-

reach.

Often, Salvadoran gay men have wives and families as a means of deflecting attention away from themselves, or simply because society requires marriage. This places them (and their families) in a precarious position if the man has unsafe sex with an infected individual. Since he is married, he has no way of explaining to his wife why they should practice. his wife why they should practice safe sex. This is also true of men with mistresses, but there is more social allowance for the latter case. Such al-lowance is in short supply for

lowance is in short supply for married gay men.

Outreach to the gay community will take patience and time. Until Salvadoran gays obtain some sense of safety and security — at least enough to respond to educational work - accurate assessment of

work — accurate assessment of statistics will remain impossible. And this, in turn, will leave many lives at risk for HIV infection.

Most statistical information about AIDS in El Salvador is confusing, misleading, and inaccurate. The ELISA test for HIV antibodies costs 90 colle-ACCUPATE. THE ELISA LEST OF COLORS (a month's wages) through the Salvadoran Red Cross. Since so few Salvadorans can afford that, any accounting of

Since so few Salvadorans can afford that, any accounting of HIV-positive cases can only be an estimate, based upon suspect existing data. This is also true of AIDS cases, since the symptoms of AIDS are often misdiagnosed as signs of common diseases, particularly in the more rural communities.

According to the Pan-American Health Organization, the American division of the World Health Organization, seven cases of AIDS were reported in El Salvador until 1986. In 1987 the number was 16; there were 72 reported cases in 1989; 54 cases in 1990; 131 in 1991; and 68 in 1992. That pattern is unusual, since most countries have reported a continual ascension of AIDS. The inconsistancy in El Salvador is probably due to the war's interference with accurate case reporting.

The total number of cases rate case reporting.

The total number of cases recorded through September 1992 is 382; the total number of deaths is 111. Compared with other Central American with other Central American countries — Nicaragua having the fewest cases in 1992 (31 accumulative) and Honduras having the most (1,976) — El Salvador fits somewhere in the middle. Many explanations are possible for this disparity of numbers. In the case of Honduras, some speculate that the massive U.S. troop presence has served as a primary ence has served as a primary means of disease gradient crossing. That theory would be supported by the example of the Philippines, where U.S. serve as a major area of AIDS transmission.

In the case of Nicaragua, which had an incidence rate of



A fairly typical health clinic in El Salvador

less than one percent until 1990, the low infection rate may be due to the lack of immigration or disease gradient crossings throughout the war years. It also may be due to the successful AIDS education program conducted by the Sandinistas and operated through Managua's gay community. Through that program, condoms and literature were distributed to gays, teenagers, and prostitutes, but was dismantled after the election of Violeta Chamorro.

Between 1989 and 1992, the incidence rate in Nicaragua increased from 0.5 percent to 3.3 percent. The return of already infected Nicaraguans from exile abroad, after the Contra war, may also explain this rapid escalation in numbers. When seen in such a context, less than one percent until

the same pattern may erupt in El Salvador, which also has seen an increase of returning exiles from abroad who may or may not be already infected with HIV.

### CRIPDES and MCS

Three clinics so far have ex-Three clinics so far have expressed a strong interest in the establishment of a project such as the Oscar Romero AIDS Project. All are located in San Salvador, but have links to rural clinics in provinces like Chalatenango. The clinics are CRIPDES, MCS, and PROVIDA

VIDA.

CRIPDES has served marginal communities for the past three years. It is comprised of physicians, nurses, health promoters, students, and church affiliated people in-volved with health care mat-

ters. CRIPDES acts as a referrel center for the poor, directing them to low cost services wherever possible. For outpatient concerns and minor surgery, CRIPDES is able to

surgery, CRIPDES is able to help poor clients without referral. These services include a pharmacy, an examination room, a gynecology clinic, and a small room for surgery.

The agency is also interested in incorporating Eastern models of medical practice, which tend to be less costly than lengthy hospital stays or reliance upon synthetic drugs. Some of these Eastern treatments include. Chinese acments include Chinese accupuncture, Chinese herbalism, massage treatment, and electropressure therapy (a variant of acupuncture techniques). CRIPDES's next project is

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### Philippines Military Academy: Women are Okay; Gays are Not

by Rene M. Astudillo

For the first time since its establishment in 1905, the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) — the counterpart of America's West Point — has accepted fourteen women into its corps of cadets. It is a move that is being closely watched by other Asian nations which have maintained all-male military institutions. But the head of this premiere school for military officers in the former U.S. colony has said that both the Academy and the Philippine Armed Forces are not ready to accept gays and lesbians. For the first time since its

gays and lesbians.

Rear Admiral Virgilio

Marcelo said that like in the

U.S., homosexuality was pro-hibited by military regula-tions and that "PMA's macho culture" is so strong that gays who manage to enter the elite academy end up leaving beacademy end up leaving be-cause of peer pressure. In the past, the academy had made news headlines because of re-ports of "hazing" of plebes by upperclass cadets.

The issue of gays and les-bians in the Philippine mili-tary has especially become a tary has especially become a hot topic because of current hearings in the U.S. Congress about President Clinton's proposal to lift the ban on gays in the military.

In a recent interview with the local press, Marcelo was asked the hypothetical ques-

tion of what happens should one or more of the 14 women cadets turn out to be lesbian. The PMA superintendent replied by saying, "First of all, there must be a manifestation of them being lesbian.
Once they are found to be lesbian, then due process gets into the system." He added that if a lesbian "fraternizes with a lady cadet and their behavior is that it no longer conforms with regulations, then they will earn demerits in conduct."

"If she does that very often she will accumulate demerits which would eventually make her deficient in conduct. That is a cause for her to be dis-missed."▼

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to build a laboratory, since sending tests to government labs is too expensive, thereby possibly making the HIV test possibly making the HIV test available to people on lower incomes. One immediate op-tion, in the absense of such a clinic at the moment, is to es-tablish an HIV test fund through the Red Cross, making it accessible to anyone. Unfortunately, the problem there would be in the lack of confidentiality and the absence of guaranteed privacy. Still, the Red Cross fund could be a short term measure that would be replaced eventually by HIV tests provided through a fully operational lab at the CRIPDES clinic.

Another ongoing project is to encourage marginal and ru-ral communities to use natural medicines, which are far more accessible than synthetic med-

ications and are often more effective for minor ailments.
The volume of patients has increased from 250 patients a month to 435 patients in March 1993 alone. This is due March 1993 alone. This in large part to the worsening citystion: over 50 economic situation; over 50 percent of the Salvadoran work force is unemployed. As state-run hospitals and private physicians continue to raise the cost of their services, more and more Salvadorans are finding themselves totally de pendent upon the service of pendent upon the service of-fered by clinics like CRIP-DES. There is, of course, the ongoing danger that such a large need may deplete the clinic's resources to the point of exhaustion, but that has yet

of exhaustion, but that has yet to happen.

MCS, or the comunidades de marginales, is another clinic/agency that trains health promoters who work in shantytowns in San Salvador.

My first workshop took place through MCS at the Paroquia de Maria de los Pobres, a church that also served as a community resource cenas a community resource cen-ter. The shantytown was in the midst of a ravine, built around abandoned railroad tracks, and was comprised of many houses built of non-reinforced mud walls and tin roofs, on unpaved streets piled with trash. There was no sewage system and only a few questionable sources of com-munity drinking water.

The questions asked were pretty much the same as ques-

pretty much the same as questions asked in workshops in the United States: is oral sex safe; is HIV spread through mosquitoes, razors, or toothbrushes; what are the chances an infected mother will pass HIV on to her unborn child; and so on. I was surprised by the absence of hostility, prejudice or reticence in terms or dice or reticence in terms or the discussion on AIDS and is-sues relating to AIDS. The promoters asked me to

return soon to conduct more workshops and were very hap-py with the materials I had brought; they requested more materials if possible.

PRO-VIDA and CCR

While unable to meet with PRO-VIDA administrators or promoters during my visit (their offices were closed for Holy Week) they have repeatedly expressed a strong interest in developing an AIDS educational program. They, like CRIPDES and MCS, function as a community resource cen ter for medical treatment, ed

ucation, and/or referral.

CCR is the governing body
that organized the village of Guarjila in Chalatenango, site of my second workshop. The CCR has close links to CRIP-DES and PRO-VIDA in the Salvadoran capital and, like the other agencies, CCR's medical system was developed medical system was developed under conditions of war. The clinic in Guarjila is operated by Sister Ana, a pediatrician who fills in as a general prac-titioner and surgeon on occa-sion. The village was estab-lished by repatriated refugees who were returning from camps in Mesa Grande, Hon-duras, in 1987. During its first years, the clinic's focus was diyears, the crimics focus was di-rected towards treating in-juries caused by land mines planted by the military in fields once used for crops. In recent months the clinic

In recent months the clinic has been busy trying to avert a catastrophe around the cholera epidemic which has already resulted in over 2,000 cases in the country at large. Guarjila has experienced only two cases of cholera to date, neither of which were fatalities.

es of cholera to date, nettner of which were fatalities.

Several suggestions about materials that would be most effective were made during the workshop. Silk screen materials are very useful for promoters who like to develop their own AIDS literature. Also, any visual aids from slides to videos are effective, since the majority of inhabitants at most possess remedial reading skills. And finally, any skits or plays that can be developed out of existing materials or adaptations that could fit a more Salvadoran, rural context have—I was told—the most impact on peoples' conmost impact on peoples' con-sciousness, since theatre in-volves them in ways that lectures do not.

Areas where the supplies I

Areas where the supplies I brought were shown to be deficient in terms of effectiveness were mostly because of differences in Salvadoran and in Chicano speech and situa-tions. Also, safe sex cards in-struct individuals in condom use, but only show an excerpt use, but only show an excerpted picture of the male genitalia. Most campesinos, according to Salvadoran health workers, would be unable to identify fy such pictures unless they are placed in the context of the whole body. They strongly suggested future safe sex guides take that into consider

ation.

It may sound overly optimistic, but with enough safe sex guides, enough condoms, enough interest, and enough energy, perhaps the AIDS tragedy that has devastated so many other lands may be averted in El Salvador.

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### **Undermining** Discipline

by Michael C. Botkin

s a nephew of the late Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father of the nuclear Navy" and mentor to ex-President Jimmy Carter, I object on his behalf to Senator Sam Nunn's recent homophobic shenanigans aboard a nuclear submarine. centhomophobic shenanigans aboard a nuclear submarine. While the senator was asking for a show of hands of sailors who'd resign if open gays were allowed, the ongoing Helvey case was being heard in Yokosuka. The slayer of Alan Schindler swapped his compliance with a quick and uninformative trial in return for a promise of light punishment. And soon after Nunn's visit the remarkable Colonel Peck testified that, as much as he loved his openly gay son, he'd never let him serve in the army for fear the troops would "frag" him.

Taken together these three events suggest an alarming deterioration of military discipline. While I doubt that my Uncle Hymie would have much sympathy for gay navy personnel (currently tagged "Clinton Sailors" by their hetero peers) I know he would deplore the demoralizing effect this heavy-handed witch hunt is having on his beloved

fect this heavy-handed witch-hunt is having on his beloved

submarine corps.

That my uncle was an extraordinary perfectionist is amply documented by the amply documented by the strong market value enjoyed by Rickover-trained "Nuclear Admirals." Men (there were no women) who learned to command a Nuclear submarine under his supervision can today command million-dollar contracts to implement safety contracts to implement safety programs in civilian atomic plants (currently struggling with something of a public confidence crisis). Uncle Hymie's hand-picked cadre are guaranteed reliable, certified as competent and incorruptible.

He was the only U.S. mili-

He was the only U.S. military planner since World War II — or maybe ever — who completed his projects on time and under budget. Some of those assigned projects, like raising the battleships sunk at Pearl Harbor or de-signing a fleet of huge, expen-sive, and vulnerable aircraft carriers, were dubious

carriers, were dubious achievements.

But he always took a special and personal interest in the subs, and during the three decades of his tenure (from the early 50s, when he designed the first nuclear submarines, to Reagan's inauguration) every commander of one — Jimmy Carter, most no-toriously — was personally one —Jimmy Carter, most notoriously — was personally screened and trained by him (and frankly Carter looks better and better to me as time goes by). Hymie insisted that the extraordinary danger involved in operating a nuclear submarine, and the importance of their task (most of them carry atomic missiles) required elite crews run with iron-clad discipline. iron-clad discipline.

#### Iowa defense

So I know that he'd have waxed furious at the sight of the portly, bellicose Senator Nunn squeezing aboard one of his sleek nuclear subs and, entially, having the sailors vote on gays in the ranks. Since when are the rank and file polled for their opinions on anything? Were battalions en route to Viet Nam asked how they felt about it? If a some particularly bigoted sailors refuse to serve with someone they think is gay (or Black, or atheist, or female), isn't it best for everyone involved — their victims, the military and the bigots — if they're simply encouraged to resign? I know my Uncle Hymie would encourage such a carper to seek civilian life, a carper to seek civilian life, and shudder to think of the language he would likely use

ranguage ne would likely use to express this view (we can't print such Sailor talk here: this is a family paper).

The Helvey case adds to this impression that discipline is going to hell and that mob rule increasingly reigns on the Here. rule increasingly reigns on the U.S. Navy's ships. The Navy has stalled, stonewalled, Navy has stalled, stonewalled, and covered-up the events leading up to the queer-bashing death of sailor Allan Schindler last November. When the media at last exposed the affair they tried to deflect it with an "lowa Defense"

When the battleship *Iowa*'s forward turret exploded during maneuvers in 1991, killing nearly thirty men, the Navy initially insisted that this was the deliberate and vengeful result of a homosexual affair gone sour. They backed off this implausible story when the parents of the accused (and conveniently dead) sailor

(and conveniently dead) sailor sued the Navy to clear his name (of the homosexual taint, I assume). It turns out that the Navy was knowingly using aged, obsolete, and dangerous ammunition.

Applied to the Schindler case, the "Iowa Defense" took the form of claiming that Helvey, too, was homosexual and an ex-lover of Schindler! Thus the case would be one of murderous homosexual passion rather than one of violent homophobia and/or Navy cover-ups. Alas, Helvey couldn't pass lie detector tests on the above assumptions and the Navy reverted to threating him with the death on the above assumptions and the Navy reverted to threatening him with the death penalty unless he pleaded guilty—quickly and silently—to a lesser charge. (And Helvey is using the classic closet case alibi: "I was so drunk that I can't remember a thing.") It's almost as though the Navy, barred by the scrutiny of the ongoing debate on gays in the military from direct action, is passively encouraging grassroots bashing as an alternative enforcement of its policy.

### Fragging, fratricide, and friendly fire

The testimony of Colonel Peck to Nunn's committee tells a parallel tale of violent tells a parallel tale of violent homophobia in the army. Peck's son, a moderately open and politically conservative gay student, was "outed" to the Colonel a couple of days before his scheduled Senate testimony by an obscure Queer National who resented the younger Peck's recent ravings against militant homosexuals. Peck the younger disdains the Queers because they "inhibit diversity" — although this crusader - although this crusader



for diversity also deplores the visible presence of transsexu-als and leather types in the

als and leather types in the movement!

The "outing" was an attempt to punish him for this hypocrisy, but it boomeranged when Colonel Dad responded by testifying to the Senate about discovering his son's homosexuality, reaffirming his love and respect for ing his love and respect for his son, and his reluctant con-clusion that even so he wouldn't want him in the mil-itary for fear that his son's comrades would kill him. For some reason this confession of murderous indiscipline was considered a final "nail in the coffin" for the notion of lifting the ban on gays in the mili(Peck the Younger is currently working the talk-show circuit to his great profit — "I love my dad, even if he has just shot the bottom out of the gay rights agenda" — and has become an over-night Official Representative of the Gay Movement. The Queer National who "outed" re-

### Commentary

mains anonymous and power

mains anonymous and power-less, and the affair probably aided the cause he sought to impair. Would-be outers please take note!) Whatever one thinks of gays serving openly in the armed services, no serious military institution can afford to take such a soft stand on

the issue of "fragging" (the practice of shooting disliked officers from behind as they lead troops into battle) or fratricide. Our military leaders confess that they are aware of such tendencies in the ranks but decline to address them when they pertain to gays.

This is in notable contrast to the Pentagon's suddenly feminist program on women in the armed services. The "Tailhookers"—naval aviators who raped their female peers at the last (ever?) Tailhook convention—got surprisingly stiff sentences and the Navy's crack demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, was grounded for a month when their commander was sus(Continued on page 24)

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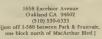
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### a commission to the U.S. Navy, then as an Ensign trained at the naval base at Newport, R.I., beginning in Dec., 1968. He served three years of active duty off the coast of Vietnam on the USS Monticello, an LSD. He received the National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, Vietnam Service medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service medal, Navy Inticitation and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit citation (gallantry cross). ▼ Joseph Henry Copeland March 16, 1952-May 6, 1993

**Obituaries** 

Patrick Raymond Burkett

Oct. 28, 1946-May 13, 1993 Pat Burke, award-winning journalist and managing editor of San

A requiem mass was sung May 22 at Metropolitan Community Church, San Diego, and inurnment was May 24 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery with full military honors.

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery with full military honors.

He is survived by his mother, Gertrude Larson in Bell, CA, and longtime friend and caregiver Sam Clary in San Diego, Donations in his memory to the Pat Burke Memorial Chalice Fund, co Dignity-SD, PC. Box 33367, San Diego, CA 92163 or any AIDS charity of your choice are preferred.

Born Patrick Raymond Burkett in Connellsville, PA, his family moved to Southern California when he was two years old. He studied the violin, played in Pasadena Youth Symphony concerts, and was active in St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles where he studied Catholic liturgy and music, and graduated from Bell High School in Bell, CA, in 1964.

Burke attended the USC School of Journalism, then transferred to UCLA and earned a bachelors degree in political science in 1968. During college he had joined the ROTC and received a commission to the US. Navy, then as an Ensign trained at the naval base at Newbort. R.L. beginning in Dec., 1968.

ministration Hospital in La Jolla, CA. He was



during the Viet Nam War, he moved to the

moved to the Bay Area, where he lived for many years.
Joe is survived by his lover and friend of 10 years, Roy; and his loving cat, Boom Boom. Included in his S.F. family are Nancy, Dennis and Edie, who were also by his side during his passing, Raymond and Cliff, Robert and Grover, and Suzie Q of the Hob Nob were also close

friends.
Joe leaves three sisters and a brother
in Delaware and his father and stepmother in North Carolina.
As a credit to his strength, "Little Joe"
had a neverending sense of humor and

He had many friends in the S.F. Area.
Bye for now, Joe, we all really miss you!
Many thanks to Visiting Nurses
Hospice of S.F. and Project Open Hand.

### Michael Joseph Bollard

March 21, 1961-May 22, 1993



friends and fami ly members who

have shared his love.

Michael was born March 21, 1961 in Indio, CA. He attended Bakerfield High School in Bakerfield, CA, The University of California in Berkeley, CA, The Hastings School of the Law in San Francisco, CA, and The New York. Hastings School of the Law in San Francisco, CA, and The New York University School of Law. Michael practiced law as an associate attorney for the law firm of Losey and Associates, San Francisco. He was a member of the California Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and acted as Chairman, Taxation Committee, of the San Francisco Barrister's Club. Michael

was also an active and loved member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church of San Francisco, CA, where he served on the Altar Guild.

Michael is survived by his loving partner Chris Reedy of San Francisco, CA, parents, Donald and Roberta Bollard, and grandmother, Katherine Bollard, all of Bakersfield, CA; sister, Kathy Bollard Broce botheri-ni-law, Ivan; and niece Emmy of Albany, CA; brother Paul Bollard an sister-in-law Diance of Secramento, CA; brother phone of Secramento, CA; brother John Bollard, S.J., of San Francisco, CA., and many friends and associates.

A Requiem Mass will be held for Michael on Thursday, May 27 at 700 p.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1350 Waller, San Francisco, CA 94117.

Memorials to the Michael Bollard Memorial Fund, All Saints' Episcopal Church, preferred.

#### Dean M. Segura Aug. 6, 1958-April 1, 1993



ly at Laguna Honda Hospital with his best friend Richard at his side. He join-na and his brother

American Indian heritage, he graduated from Yurlington High School in 1977. He lived in San Francisco for the past

from Yurlington High School in 1977. He lived in San Francisco for the past several years. For the past two years he was the manager of the Nob Hill Noshery Cafe & Catering Company.

A member of A.A. and the Castro Country Club, Dean wished to say "See Ya," to all of his friends. He loved camping, the outdoors, and people.

Dean is survived by his beloved family. His father, Mike; brothers, Marlin, Gary and Tony; grandmother, Eva Brown; and his favorite cousin Marissa, all of Nevada. Chris Hewett has returned to his native England.

A special thanks to Dr. Kerr, Paul, Kelly, Barbar Hill, Terri Gray, and the entire staff of Laguna Honda Hospital. Also thanks to Visiting Nurses and SE. General Hospital for their help.

A celebration of Dean's life will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 46 p.m. at the home of Richard Cass, 200 Eureks St., 928-6674 (d), 626-3869 (eve.) for details.

Any contributions to his memory

for details.

Any contributions to his memory should be made to the AIDS Emergency Fund, 1550 California St., #7, SF, 94109, PAWS, PO Box 460489, SF, 94160, or the American Indian AIDS Institute of S.F. ▼

#### (Edward) Jeff Glenn ov. 9, 1956-May 21, 1993

On May 21, 1993, the talented loom of



he talented loom of fiber artist Jeff Glenn was stilled after a long fight. The fourth of six children, he is survived by them and his parents in the East. In San

Francisco he leaves behind his lover of 11 years, Jayson Barron and their schnauzer, Max. Jeff also will be remembered by dear friends from page and fer.

A creative child, Jeff was always do A creative child, Jeff was always do-ing something with his hands, a habit that continued to the end. As a young adult he grew from craft beginnings to recognized and commissioned fiber ar-tist. An honor Student, Jeff graduated from California College of Arts and Crafts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Textiles in 1987.

fine arts and craft traditions by his use fine arts and craft traditions by his use of painted canvases that were then woven into rich patterns and textures. His work was recognized nationally; Jeff's pieces are in the permanent collections of the Oakland Museum, The American Craft Museum (New York), The Missoula Mont) and in many private collections [fit was also a contributing (Missoula, Mont,) and in many privac-collections. Jeff was also a contributing writer to Fiber Arts magazine and Sur-face Design Journal and lectured throughout the Bay Area about fiber arts and his work. On Sunday, June 6, a Celebration of

Jeff Glenn's life and a showing of selected works will be held at Rami's Cafe, 1361 Church Street, San Fran-cisco, from 4 to 7 p.m. His work will remain on display through the month of June at Rami's Cafe. Donations in Jeff's memory are encouraged to go to Hospice By The Bay. ▼

#### Ja'nes Cuthbertson 1940-1993

love with this city! Before that, ve had been Paris, but his move here rele-gated the City of Light to second

ce, even though Paris always manag ed to shape many beautiful memories for him as he moved through San Fran-

Those of us who knew him will Those of us who knew him will remember Janes as Lover or Friend or Teacher. He had a special ability to broaden our viewpoints on any number of things with a philosophy grounded in the teachings of Gandhi and Unitarianism. His goal was ever Peace.

Janes is survived by his sister, Jane Costic his nices Diana and her his.

Ja'nes is survived by his sister, Jane Curtis, his nieces, Diana and her husband, Greg of Florida and Judy Powell, of Ohio; and his San Francisco Family, Bill, Darrel, Gene, Jim and Jon, Janes also leaves behind a Tribe of Friends who have witnessed and shared his long, valiant struggle and who hope he has now found the elusive peace. We wish to express our thanks to Shanti for allowing Marty, Ramon and Richard to share and enhance Ja'nes' life. We would also like to thank Project.

Richard to share and enhance Ja'nes' life. We would also like to thank Project Open hand for their services and to thank the Nursing Services at Davies Hospital for their care and effort to make Ja'nes as comfortable as possible while he was hospitalized.

Tears have fallen all around San Francisco and in Florida. And, hopefully, somewhere in a small Paris cafe, a tear is also heirs wind a way. Love and

somewhere in a small Paris cate, a tear is also being wiped away. Love and Light, Dear Friend!

Plans for a service celebrating Ja'nes' life are pending. For those who wish, contributions can be made to PAWS, PO. Box 460489, SF, CA 94146, or to the charity of your choice.

#### Edoured "Frenchy" Trepanier

Sept. 30, 1932-April 15, 1993



so quickly, he couldn't continue fighting it

actually born in Albany, New York, or-phaned there and raised by a family in

phaned there and raised by a family in Quebec, Canada until his early teens. He had no biological family he could find, but he was welcomed into his lovers family in Philadelphia, and also left his gay family here in S.F.

He was always the first to volunteer for any job and cheerfully did it well. Ask any of the bike clubs! At various times, he belonged to the S.F. Serpents, the G.D.I.s, and the Barbary Coasters. The Force Five honored him as Worker of the Year, which thrilled him immensely.

He has been Santa Claus for the last couple of years at the Academy of Friends AIDS Christmas party in the Green Room. He will be missed there

by his elves. As was his wish, we were able to bring him home to die. When that time finally came, he was in his lover's arms. Frenchly leaves his lover of almost 22 years, Tony Palermo, a.k.a., "Pasta Paws," to some, his S.F. family: Rob, Very & Bob, J.J. & David, his boss Gino & his family, and his cat, "Bingo." He also leaves a great "adopted" family in those of his lover, Tony. The two Anna Mae's, Joanne, Michael and little Mike, plus various "nieces and nephews" who will also miss their "Uncle" French. nephews" who will also miss their "Uncle" Frenchy.
I'm so happy I introduced you to Tony that day, but I'm sad that I won't ever

hear you bitch, mutter and swear at

Bingo games any more.
You were greatly loved. Now rest peacefully. ▼

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### Nick Boehm

Oct. 3, 1948-March 9, 1993



who knew him knew this.

Nick lived his life with dignity, intensity, and on his terms. His compassion and require caring for

often stoic exterior thinly veiled his compassion and genuine caring for those he knew and loved. He immersed himself in his work, was always able to lighten things up, get feisty if needed, and enhance the moment. He was witty, charming, and mischievous and those who knew him were better for it. His partner, Geno, found him attractive on so many levels and feels most grateful to have known him. For him, being with Nick was being home. Nick seldom dwelled on his illness. When he connected with his daughter and friends, he focused on them and

When he connected with his daughter and friends, he focused on them and their well-being. He faced his challenges head-on with amazing courage, endurance and laughter—wonderful laughter. The few times he was weakened with the weight of it all he let his partner hold him tightly and he would soon rally. (Now you hold your partner in his dreams...)

Near the end he felt he had lived enough pain and loss for anyone. The suffering is over, mon, we miss him dearly, and it is indeed hard to let go. You are in our hearts and souls forever, Nick. Our love is stronger than death.

#### **Buzz Wolff**

March 12, 1948-May 18, 1993



ated from Ly-coming College in PA., with an English degree. in PA., with an English degree. He came to California in 1970 and lived at the commune "The Last Resort Hotel" on Divisadero as well as in Willits and Cove

o, CA. His travels took him to Maui for two years and Honolulu for another three.
He loved the Islands and vice versal He moved to Portland and became exmoved to Portland and became ex-ecutive chef for Louisana-Pacific Cor-poration. After his AIDS diagnosis in 1983 he became an AIDS activist and founding member of the Cascade AIDS Project in Portland. He also lived in Sarasota for three years where he was Chairman of the Board of the Sarasota AIDS Foundation.

He returned two years ago to his beloved Northern California and remained a strong advocate for PWAs until the end.

til the end.

He is survived by his family in
LaBelle, Florida his mother, Lois his
sister, Dotty; and his nephew, Scott,
whom he especially loved as well as by
many friends, including Kilohana of
Hawaii, Dean, Dan and Dolan of No.

California.

His family and friends wish to thank MCAVN (Mendicino County AIDS Volunteer Network) and ARBOR HOUSE, Ukiah, for their outstanding support and many kindnesses.

A memorial will be held at FLO FARM in Willits, on June 6. ▼

#### **Andrew Hartzell**

July 28, 1956-May 9, 1993

Andy Hartzell, 36, passed away due to complications of AIDS on Sun-



day morning, May 9, at San Francisco Gen-eral Hospital. The evening be-fore his passing he was surrounded by family and friends; he sang a little song and said good-bye to I in his sleep the

ach of us, then died in

following morning.

Born in San Francisco, Andy grew up in Hayward and attended Cal State, Chico. He returned to make his perma-

Chico. He returned to make his permanent home here in the city.

A health professonal, Andy had the emergency room at St. Mary's Hospital running like a tight ship with his able hands at the helm for seven years. He went on to apply his talents and experience as office manager at the denial practice of Drs. Joe Dill and Jim Gregory.

Andy's friends.

Gregory.

Andy's friends and family will remember and miss his broad, sparkling smile and his quick wit.

Andy is survived by his parents, Bill and Barbara Hartzell of Paradise, CA; his brother Richard, of Ohio; and his sister Sheila, also of Paradise; as well as several nieces and nephews including Brittany, with whom Andy shared a special friendship.

special friendship.

His family and friends will host a memorial and celebration of Andy's life at the Swedenborgian Church at 2107 Lyon Street at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5.

Donations may be made in Andy's name to Ward 5A, S.F. General Hospital. We will miss you, Muffin. ▼

### Michael Lynn Green

June 16, 1954-May 20, 1993

"MY SON"
What have we gained with the world
if all we have if all we have given are material things? Money and things cannot replace the loss of my son. I could not see what he saw and he could not see what I see.

Everything has a time and

has a time and place for growth; without soul growth we remain nothing. From ashes to ashes, dust to dust, we leave just like we came. But the greatest legacy man can leave on this earth is what he gave openly, willingly and unselfishly—the greatest gift of all. The spiritual growth will remain and suffering.

Is it worth it to gain the world and not have the spirit of giving and loving? No soul growth will leave you suffering and pain, and no gain.

I had to let him go — he isn't there anymore, leaves said, and I quote, "Those who believeth in me, will have love and life everlasting." He came for Mike's spirit a while ago, to leave that pain and suffering. We can rejoice that his is in a better place.

I'd give everything that I have to have him back, but that is a selfish wish which wasn't meant to be. Now I'll have two guardian angels to give me a nudge, both of them walking beside me to pro-

which wasn't meant to be. Now I'll have two guardian angels to give me a nudge, both of them walking beside me to protect me — my father and my son. Thank you God for the wonderful years I had with them both because they were so special to me. No greater love have I to return them to thy fold, in which they will be waiting for me when it's my time. \(\psi\)

### **Obituary Policy**

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, the Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy.

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar,

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is

#### Lorenzo Iriartes May 1960-April 1993



as Cosita, died peacefully on April 12, three weeks short of his 33rd birth-day, at SFGH after a month fighting an infec-tion that ulti-mately took his nately took his

al Amanda Mi-at La India Bonita

al Amanda MiGay Club, where he met many of his
lovers, was the joy of his many friends,
who loved him dearly. He was among
the many who fled his beloved Cuba in
1980 at the young age of 19.
After living many years in San Jose
with this first lover, he moved to San
Francisco free years ago.
He used to tell stories about how
amazed he was when he set foot on
American soil, because to him it was
like a dream, where he could have
everything he wanted.
He will be remembered by his dear
friends, Angelita, China, Lourdes,
Oscar, Maciel, Ricardo, Ramonita,
Mama, and his best friend, Guajira,
whom he used to call his guardian
angel.
He will be missed most of all by his

angel.

He will be missed most of all by his late lover, El Gordo Prieto.

His body was cremated and his ashes

attered at sea.

Rest in peace, Cosita.

#### William Patrick Pryor April 27, 1993



William Patrick Pryor, a native of New York City, who resided in complications on Tuesday, April 27, 1993. He is survived by his

and Richard; and several nieces and nephews, all from St. Petersburg. Florida, as well as a multitude of friends

and associates.

A graduate of Fordham Uni A graduate of Fordham University and an accomplished actor, Bill performed a variety of leading and character roles in theatrical productions across the country. He became a US. Postal employee in 1974, where his charisma transformed co-workers into friends, and made him a favorite with the public he served. He will be remembered lovingly by all who knew him. His memorial was held at St. Bridget's Church, Van Ness and Broadway, on Tuesday, May 4, 1993, at 4 p.m.

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### Remember Unknown Gay Soldiers this Memorial Day

by Dennis Conkin

A Memorial Weekend Re quiem for "unknown lesbian gay and bisexual soldiers," gay and bisexual soldiers," featuring an honor guard, a procession, speakers and the laying of a wreath, will take place on the grounds of the War Memorial Complex at Van Ness and Fulton Streets at noon on Saturday, May 29.

at noon on Saturday, May 29.

"It's important because people in the San Francisco Bay Area need a way to come together and express their thoughts and sentiments about this issue," said Jessea Greenman, co-chair of S.F. Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Alliance Argiest Befamation. Alliance Against Defamation.
"It's extremely upsetting for all of us to witness the socalled hearings conducted by the Senate and realize that we are on trial with the Senate as prosecutor, judge, and jury — and we never get to



"This ceremony is our way of testifying about the issue."
Speakers for the event will include Liz Hendrichson of the National Center For Lesbian Rights and Mitzi Henderson, National President of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Written statements from Keith Meinhold, a Navy netty officer ordered ments from Ketth Meinhold, a Navy petty officer ordered reinstated following his dis-charge from the US Navy last year, and Jose Zuniga, an

Army Sergeant who was stripped of his rank and discharged in retaliation for coming out after being named 1993 Sixth Army Soldier of the Year, will also be read.

Also speaking at the event will be former military personnel including Pat Norman, Mike Vallejo, Gypsy Tucker, and others.

and others.

The event is sponsored by

The event is sponsored by a variety of groups, including the Alexander Hamilton post of the American Legion, the Bay Area Military Freedom Project, and the San Francisco Chapter of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Those who attend the event are encouraged to bring flowers, medals, ribbons, and other momentos to lay upon the "tomb." Veterans are encouraged to identify them-selves at the GLAAD information and media table. the site. ▼

### Boxer, Feinstein, To Be Honored At AIDS Memorial Grove Dinner

by Dennis Conkin

U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer will receive the Jewish National Fund's highest honor at a dinner on June 2 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel.

The dinner is a fundraiser for the AIDS Memorial Forest in Lahay, Israel, in the northern Negev desert outside of Beersheba, Israel.

The featured speaker for the fund-raiser will be James Carville, former senior campaign strategist and a consultant to President Clinton.

There will also be a a presentation honoring outgoing San Francisco Israeli consulgeneral Harry Kney-Tal and his wife Dorit.

Last week the first tree in the 10 Ordet received was

his wife Dorit.

Last week the first tree in the 10,000-tree grove was planted by Jeane White, the mother of Ryan White, who travelled to Israel with supporters and American AIDS activists to plant the pine sapling in her son's memory.

Tickets to the dinner are \$250 and corporate tables are \$2.000 for ten seats. For more

\$2,000 for ten seats. For more information contact the Jewish National Fund at (415) 788-3300.



Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

### Community Brief

### Off the Beaten Trike

"Moon Rocks To Madness," the 22nd Annual Memorial Day Tricycle race, a fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund, will begin at 10 a.m. on May 31 at City Hall.

The tricycle course will proceed go through the Tenderloin and Castro areas (but will skip South of Market this year), stopping at participating bars along the way, and will eventually wind up at the Hayes Space Station — better known as Marlena's — at 488 Hayes.

The event will begin and end with a carnival in the parking lot across the street from the bar, according to Rick Salinas, president of the AIDS Emergency Fund.

In keeping with previous tricycle race events, outlandishly original costumes and wildly decorated tricycles are encouraged. In fact, placement at the end of the race is only one criterion that judges will consider; the others are originiality and humor; and the amount of money raised for AEF thoroughout the race.

the race.
Organizers are proud to announce Supervisor Kevin Shelly will cut the ribbon to start the race this year.

### **Queer Watch**

pended for "Tailhooking."

And when the ban debate started shakily ambling towards the notion of gays in the barracks, the head milithe barracks, the head military honchos suddenly declared, in a reversal of long time policy, that women will now be allowed in (very restricted) combat positions. The subtext is audible in their actions: "Hey, we're a bunch of reactionary mossbacks changing just as fast as we can! Last decade, Blacks; this decade women; maybe

next decade gays."

But don't hold your breath.

Meanwhile — not that I Meanwhile — not that I care about this personally very much — one wonders what effect this multi-ringed circus is having on discipline and military effectiveness. It's a good thing the U.S. military is just a wing of the unemployment industry these days; if it actually had to fight a real war it would probably swiftly perish in a hailstorm of fragging, fratricide, and "friendly fire." I'm glad Uncle Hymie didn't live to see this. ▼

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### Lyon-Martin Clinic **Director Resigns**

by Judi Parks

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services announced this week that a search is on for a new executive director to replace Marj Plumb, who resigned effective August 1. Plum had held the post for more than three years of growth-oriented leadership.

Lyon-Martin, a non-profit

Lyon-Martin, a non-profit organization employing 27 staff members, provides primary medical care for women through a community clinic, health education and outreach program, and free comprehensive HIV services.

hensive HIV services.

Plumb is leaving the agency for reasons partly personal and partly to become closer to direct service. "In terms of my professional life I feel very strongly about providing services to populations at risk," she told the Bay Area Reporter, "but I want to take a look at another type of posi-Reporter, "but I want to take a look at another type of position in organizations that I could fill, which would get me closer to direct service and away from the bean counting. I'm tired. In smaller agencies, I've been closer to the front lines."

Under Plumb's guidance Lyon-Martin founded six new programs to serve broader multi-cultural community needs, including free HIV services for women, from anony-

needs, including free HIV services for women, from anonymous testing to case management; The Last Drag, smoking cessation for lesbians, gaymen, bisexuals, and persons with HIV; LYFE, peer support for lesbian, gay male, bisexual, and questioning youth; Support Services for Mothers, including substance abuse prevention; Peer Safer Sex Slut Team (PSSST), safe sex outreach to lesbian bars Sex Slut Team (PSSST), safe sex outreach to lesbian bars and clubs; and Voices and Choices, an HIV prevention outreach to African-American women in public housing.

In addition to providing primary health care, Lyon-Martin has become able to co-sponsor support groups for

sponsor support groups for Lesbians with Cancer, Wom-en with Disabilities and Peo-ple with CFIDS since it has

moved into its new expanded Market Street location. The clinic was founded at San Francisco General Hospi-tal in 1979 by Dr. Patty Robinson and Sharon Mills, a nurse practitioner, when Robinson discovered that lesbians were not getting the frequency of health care needed, as indicated by the infrequency of pap smears obtained in comparison with heterosexual

women. The clinic was named in honor of Del Mar-tin and Phyllis Lyon, long-time San Francisco lesbian activists. Lyon-Martin is one of the few surviving women's clinics left in the United States. In the 1980's over 1,000 women's clinics thrived, but the number today has been reduced to roughly 100. About 75 percent of clinic patients make less than \$10,000 per year, and receive services for 40 to 50 percent off. According to Plumb, "Lyon-Martin would like to make these services available at an activists. Lyon-Martin is one

these services available at an even lower cost. The problem even lower cost. The problem is that women's clinics, les-bian and gay clinics, and clinics for people over 60 are not funded by the federal government. The current regulations read that clinics that serve women only discriminate, by not serving men, instead of seeing women as a population. seeing women as a population at need.

at need.

"We have been in contact with [U.S. Health and Human Services] Secretary [Donna] Shalala over the past month Snaiala over the past month and she has indicated support to look into the situation. If that occurs, then we would be able to provide even lower cost services. Even though 75 percent of our clients are eligible for free services at the public health department, they come here here here to be a control of the control of they come here because of the type of services we can provide.

the type of services we can provide.

"The only funding for women's health is family planning funding," she continued, "so if you are not a family planning clinic, and you are a clinic that believes you should provide more than just gynecological care, you are not part of the federal funding stream. I would encourage those members of the community who make donations and have the financial wherewithal, to really make sure they consider the programs they are supporting, and push themselves to identify organizations like Lyontify organizations like Lyon-Martin that are providing needed services to the com-

Plumb discussed the changes in the executive director position in non-profit rector position in non-profit agencies in the last ten years. "There is more pressure on doing fundraising," she said, "while the money has tightened up and expenditures are increasing. There's also more pressure in terms of contract monitoring accounting supermonitoring, accounting supervision, and personnel administration. Ten years ago



Examination room with a decidedly lesbian flavor at Lyon-



Marj Plumb, resigning ex ecutive director of Lyon-Martin Clinic. (Photo: Judi Parks)

wrongful termination suits weren't even thought of in the non-profit community,

the non-profit community, and now we are constantly getting educated from our attorneys as to what we can and cannot do."

Plumb discussed some of the changes in health care funding right now, in terms of contracts management that have been in the media and of contracts management that have been in the media, and Shanti in particular. "I would like the community to know that it's an easier story to write that two people screwed up and that's what the problem is. The harder story to write is the changes in contracts management, accounting procedures, and increases of expenses, yet the contracts and fundraising don't increase."

According to Plumb, who holds a Masters degree in Non-Profit Administration, "It's very, very complicated to be a non-profit administrator today. You are dealing with people who are monitoring your contracts, not machines,

people who are monitoring your contracts, not machines, not a rule book, so one day they say billing one-twelfth [of the annual allotment, as Shanti did] is fine, and that's what we want you to do. Then the next month, they say bill us actual [expenses], and you have to be able to take a very complicated accounting system and change it.

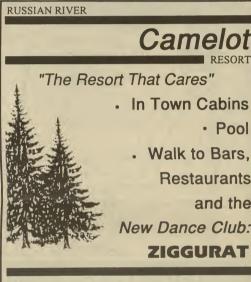
it.
"We have people here who are funded by five different contracts. Then you have somebody leave, and you have an opening for three months, and you have to modify five contracts because five contracts by that salary.

modify five contracts because five contracts pay that salary. It's a helluva way to fund health care. The system really needs to be looked into."

As for the right kind of person for the job, she says, "We are looking for someone who understands fund accounting, contracts administration, personnel management, and is familiar with lesbian and women's health agement, and is faithful with lesbian and women's health issues, and who has a dynam-ic personality. You need someone in this position who can speak at conferences, can speak at conferences, meet with major donors, talk with clients, and work with the staff. We are very lucky here. We have an incredibly great staff. It's very diverse-60 percent lesbian, 40 percent heterosexual, 50 percent women of color, half of the women of color, half of the management team is women of color, the age range is 20 to 50, so the e.d. has the opportunity when doing program management, development and evaluation, to really utilize an incredibly competent and diverse staff, to make sure these programs are reflective of the communities we are entrusted to serve."

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### Friday

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ate anymore protected class-es" the Anchorage, Alaska, City Assembly (city council) last week repealed a gay rights law that bans bias against city workers on the basis of sexual orientation.

But in Massachusetts, Har-

But in Massachusetts, nar-vard University announced this week it will extend health insurance coverage to the partners and children of its gay and lesbian faculty and staff members; the coverand staff members; the coverage for "same-sex domestic partnerships equivalent to marriage" may be available as early as the next benefit enrollment in November, but to qualify, couples must register in Cambridge or another city that recognizes same-sex marriages

Louise Stoll of Berkeley, nominated by Clinton this week as assistant secretary of transportation, works in the city and has a lot of San Francisco friends.

Meanwhile, the local Republican organization is re-portedly fretting over their reportedly fretting over their re-cent loss of new members, etc., (seems many went for Ross Perot and — worse yet — even Bill Clinton last Novem-ber). Chris Bowman, one of the gay community's most re-spected activists, and a local GOP bigshot, is quoted in a recent newspaper column as saywe want to find out why ing, "we want to find out why disaffected Republicans didn't support George Bush." That one's easy, Chris — just go back and take another look at some of those Houston Convention videos, particularly those with Pat Buchanan, the party's new darling.

And the Quote of the Week is from Senator Barbara Box-er, in responding to Jesse Helms's vicious attack on As-sistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development nomand Urban Development nominee Roberta Achtenberg: "She's not a mean person. She's a good person. ... The senator from North Carolina might be surprised at how many people think he's a mean person." \(\blace{\Psi}\)

### Shanti

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ti Project with kid gloves by supporters of the agency AIDS Indigent Direct Services. A.I.D.S. has also mismanaged government contracts, but involving less than \$500,000. The city took complete financial control over the agency, which it did not do to Shanti.

"They've been given a

do to Shanti.

"They've been given a golden parachute to jump from while they sort out their problems," said A.I.D.S. board member Al Cunningham. "I wish the AIDS Office would have afforded the

ham. "I wish the AIDS Office would have afforded the [A.I.D.S.] board a dialogue as it did with Shanti."

Katz said that absorbing Shanti's 144-bed program into new agencies will be difficult, and that Shanti's board is cooperating with the AIDS Office. The agency provides PWAs with emergency shelter, long-term housing, and transitional housing for people. ter, long-term housing, and transitional housing for people between residences. No other San Francisco agency has experience with all three types of housing.

"The reality is that these contracts need to be with an agency with experience" said

agency with experience," said Katz. "There are administra-tive responsibilities that must be dealt with, and tenant/ landlord relations, and eviction

Procedures."
Negotiations regarding the takeover of Shanti's housing contracts will begin next week and be completed within six weeks, said Katz. Any San Francisco AIDS organization of the complete of the c zation with experience at pro-viding housing services will be invited to attend the meet-ings, in addition to groups that provide housing for non-

AIDS patients.
In June, organizations can apply for the various Shanti contracts. The HIV Planning Council will award the grants no later than the first week of July, followed by a two- to four-month period of transition from Shanti to new agen-

"We will work out the implementation in the least dis-ruptive way possible," said Katz. "Because Shanti has emergency, transitional, permanent housing,

might make it difficult. Clients could wind up going

Clients could wind up going to several different agencies."
Katz said AIDS housing providers might be asked to voluntarily participate in an "umbrella organization," so that PWAs could more conveniently work with several housing providers at once.
Sharti does not accept acce

housing providers at once.

Shanti does not accept active substance abusers as clients. Katz said it would be preferable if the contracts went to organizations with separate programs for both current and former drug-users and non-users, so the PWA wouldn't be evicted for having a substance relapse.

"It would be better to use this time to improve the

this time to improve the whole system, rather than look at this as an agency on probation and try to work things out way too quickly,"

he said.

Former clients, employees, and board members of A.I.D.S. were clearly furious with the AIDS Office and HIV Planning Council about what they said is the unfair treatment received by their organization compared to treatment received by their organization compared to Shanti. The HIV Planning Council is currently in the process of moving a \$13,000 contract from A.I.D.S. to Catalano Project. The contract is for the money-management of low-income residents with symptomatic HIV disease.

disease.
"Obviously, we're being "Obviously, we're being punished for problems the former executive director, but the problems were spotted and immediately cleaned up." said A.I.D.S. Executive Director Audrey Doughty.

Once the contract is moved on June 15, A.I.D.S. will no longer manage its clients social security checks, but will continue to provide housing referral services.

"My concern is the clients and how their daily needs can be met without money man-

and how their daily needs can be met without money management," said A.I.D.S. employee Bobbie Thompson. "When they get a check on the first of the month and are broke on the third with 28 more days to go until the next check, they realize they need this help. I hope the board will reconsider this decision, because you can't have one program without the other."

### Achtenberg

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and State, to the B.A.R. "But he never said anything last fall about gay issues during his campaign, so I'm glad he voted for her. We have a little better idea where he stands."

The GOP vote from Kansas was split. Nancy Kassebaum voted in favor and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole voted against.

"It could have been worse. I mean, at least we aren't embarrassed," said Linda Starnes of the Wichita chapter of Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians, to the B.A.R. "Dole didn't jabber homonhobia and we've had no mophobia, and we've had no idea where Nancy is coming from since she voted for Clarence Thomas."

All six women Senators voted for Achtenberg, as did eight of the eleven freshmen. On the Democratic side, 45

voted in favor, five against,

and seven did not show up. Achtenberg supporters Ed-

Achtenberg supporters Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Bill Bradley of New Jersey were among the absent. They were attending a reception honoring New Jersey governor Jim Florio.

Perhaps most surprisingly, Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia voted for Achtenberg. As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Nunn has worked harder than any other Congressman to keep the ban of gays in the to keep the ban of gays in the

to keep the ban of gays in the military.
Vice President Al Gore's replacement to the Senate, Gregory Matthews, voted against, and so did the other Tennessee Democratic Senator, James Sasser. Other Democrats voting against her were former Ku Klux Klan

were former Ku Klux Klan member Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Richard Shelby of Alabama, and Earnest Hollings of South Carolina. Anticipating Achtenberg's confirmation on Saturday, Board of Supervisors Presi-dent Angela Alioto on Satur-day told the Harvey Milk Gay Lesbian Bisexual Democrat



Senator Sam Nunn

Club that she would oppose any replacement that does not support gay and lesbian rights. Alioto also said she'd attempt to block any candi-date that doesn't want to keep

health care spending at its current level.

Harvey Milk Club Presi-dent Kenneth Bukowski said the best appointment would be a gay Latino, since Latinos are presently unrepresented on the Board of Super-visors.

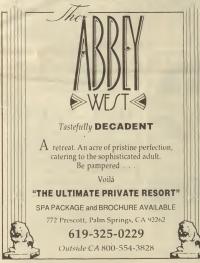




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May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 1993, L-174940

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF

NAME FILE NO. 951679

IN SUPERIDO COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of (WILLIAM-ROBERT SLICKER) for change of anne. The application of (WILLIAM-ROBERT SLICKER) for change of application for the state of the supplication of (WILLIAM-ROBERT SLICKER) for change of appearing from said application that (WILLIAM-ROBERT SLICKER) has filed an application proposing that (HIS) name be application proposing that (HIS) name be STATE (HIS) name be supplicated to the supplication of the supplication of the supplication of the supplication of the supplication for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of \$350 (heavy 2, June 3, 19, 12) (1933), 13-51679

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173947

The following person is doing business as COUNCIL OF GRAND DUKES & GRAND DUKESSES OF SAN FRANCISCO, 110 Garden Side Drive #101. San Francisco, CA 94131: COUNCIL OF GRAND DUKES & GRAND DUCHESSES OF SAN FRANCISCO. 110 Garden Side Drive #101, San Francisco.

CA 94131. Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date April 27, 1993. This business is conducted by an corporation. Signed ALEXANDER F. BUIEL II. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francis-co, CA on April 27, 1993.

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1993. L-173947

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 951277

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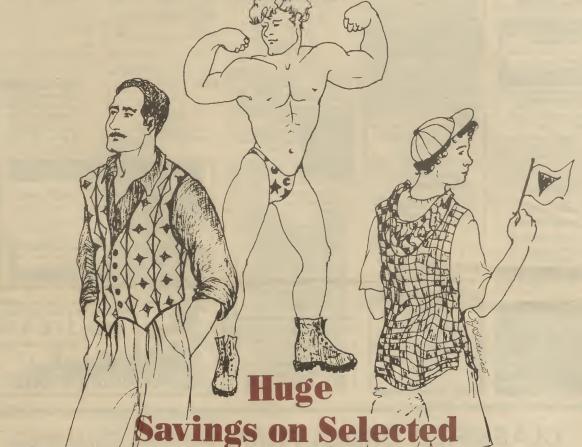
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Society's Child Puts the Closet Behind Her

## anis Ian: Out in Nashville

by Robert Julian

t's been 13 years since Janis Ian recorded her last album. Since that time, Ian lost her home time, Ian lost her home and savings because her manager failed to pay her taxes, she got a divorce, she moved to Nashville from Los Angeles to pursue her career as a songwriter, and, almost five years ago, she took a female lover.

Now a woman of 42, the 16-year-old girl who skyrock-eted to fame with "Society's Child" in 1967 is a part of the collective consciousness of the boomer generation, Ian's 1976 chart-buster, "At Seventeen" remains an enduring tribute

explaining to we're not asking for special rights but for the same rights take for

to the trials of all those who grow up different, not simply "the ugly-duckling girls" she sang about with such compas-sion. More recently, a similarly eloquent Ian composition was chosen as the title song for Bette Midler's 1990 double-platinum album, Some People's Lives.

People's Lives.
Before leaving for New
York to sing at a benefit for
the Lambda Legal Defense
Fund, Ian called to talk about
her life and her brand new album, Breaking Silence,
which she'll be performing in
person at San Francisco's
Great American Music Hall.

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Robert Julian: You write so often, and so eloquently, about heartbreak, do you think you've had more than your share?

Janis Ian: I don't think I've had more than anybody else. I think it's just what I'm good at. It took me a long time to admit that what I'm good at is writing about thing the same than a surpling and the same than a surpling a surpling and the same than a surpling a su writing about things that peo-ple are uncomfortable about within themselves. "At Sevenwithin themselves. At Seven-teen" says things many peo-ple have felt but are uncom-fortable with. I'm good at say-ing those things in a way that people aren't scared by.

Is the song "Breaking Siabout your coming



Janis lan, singer, songwriter, boomer icon

In my head I'm not breaking a big silence on that. It's not a big deal for me, but it is for others. I've always been out to those I worked with. I think the song is more about someone who hasn't put out a record in 13 years, coupled with just the concept of breaking silence.

You say you've always been out, but you were married to a man. Explain.

I married for love when I was 26, but I've always been attracted to women first. It's hard to say how much of your attraction to the opposite sex
— when you've always known
you were homosexual comes from just getting worn down by the mind set and constant exposure to hetero-sexuality. I married a male because I fell in love with

On the other hand, anyone who is an outsider of any sort reaches a point in their life where they say, "My life will be much easier if I just go ahead and choose." I chose. I'm no longer interested in a relationship with a man on.

relationship with a man on that kind of intimate level.

I knew I was gay from the time I was eight or nine. That didn't preclude me from falling in love with a guy — but I

was also really worn down.

Would you have made the same decision if you had been born 20 years later?

It's hard to say. I envy young girls growing up today, I think it must be much easier I think it must be much easier now to find a long-term stable lesbian relationship. I was married for six years and I've been with my lover for four and a half years now. She's an archivist at a small university here in Neshville. sity here in Nashville.

Now that you're out, do you see your lesbianism reflected in any of your earlier songs?

I can't relate my sexuality to my early work, but my de-sire for intimacy is there. Any time you have some differ-ence from the expected norm, you're either going to become a psychopath or a philosopher

— there's not a whole lot of room in between. Knowing I was gay, like knowing I was Jewish, made a whole lot of difference.

I was raised knowing that if someone was being abused and I didn't interfere, I would be abused next. My parents were real strong about per-sonal responsibility.

I know Nashville very well Second of Two Sections

"Any time you have some difference from the expected norm, you're either going to become a psychopath or a philosopher there's not a whole lot of room in between.''

because my mother lives there, and I haven't found it to be particularly tolerant of gay people. Have you had a different experience?

I'm in the music industry in Nashville, and it's amazing what people will forgive an artist.

k.d. lang didn't find Nashville so forgiving.

But I'm a small, innocuous looking female, less than five feet tall, and that contributes to the tolerance level I experience. Another thing that con-

tributes to my not having problems in Nashville is that my relationship is long-term and stable — were "normal." I meet a lot of people for whom I'm their first Jew, their first gay person. I find that, by and large — on a one-on-one basis — at the end of the day people don't care. I have some people in town who pray for me, but I pray for them, too.

for them, too.
I'm constantly explaining I'm constantly explaining to people that we're not asking for special rights but for the same rights other people take for granted. A lot of my friends here are as embarrassed by the fundamentalist right as I am. But I admit I would be more inclined to hold my lover's hand in Santa Monica than in Nashville.

Yes, but we need that more in Nashville than we need it

And that's the whole point in coming out for someone in my position. I write songs, like "At Seventeen," that are not scary songs. People feel they know me and are not threatened. Now we need national civ-

Now we need national civil rights legislation, like black people needed legislation. Sometimes you must force people to change their behavior before you change their thoughts. Ultimately, I think people are more concerned with paying their bills than who I sleep with. It's important for me to come out in Nashville, where there's a community of songwriters like nowhere else in the world.

How about those in a position similar to yours who remain in the closet?

I don't think you can determine any one else's timing. I think coming out when you're a massive public figure, like a massive public figure, like some popular singers, is very confusing. You've finally got success, something you've dreamed about all your life, and a bunch of people are telling you you'll blow it if you come out.

My advice is "It's so much

you come out.

My advice is, "It's so much easier this way." But you can't know that until you've done it. There's only me, Melissa Etheridge, and k.d. right now, among mainstream singers, who are out as lesbians — that's discouraging. Sooner or later, more and more people will realize I'm not the first gay person they've met, and each and every person who comes out is a link in that chain.

Editor's Note: Janis Ian will be performing Sunday night, June 6, in San Francisco at the Great American Music Hall. For reservations, call (415) 885-0750. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or between noon and 6 p.m. on Saturday.



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### **OutThere**

The Annals of Queerdom

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

The Lowdown — or, Puck you, too. Looks like newly palmed Upper Market Street is about to become the newest destination spot for the cognoscenti. If our sources are reliable — and they usually are — a big influx of cash is about to invade the Castro. The space that currently houses Leticia's (which is moving a few feet up Market Street into a wildly designed new space) will soon be home to Boz Scaggs' latest restaurant. And still on Market, across from Safeway, we hear the former home of Aardvark Books will be taken over by Wolfgang Puck, who allegedly hopes to lure a bisexual chic crowd to his latest bistro. Will separate but equal be a Castro thing of the past with these ghetto-be-gone investments? Time will tell.

Local boy, Charles Duggan is producing Twilight of the Golds at the Kennedy Center in Washington with David Groh in the cast (the sitcom husband of Valerie Harper on Rhoda). Twilight runs for one month in DC, beginning June 29. The plot: a New York family discovers that their soon-to-be born child, now a fetus, will be homosexual. The play debuted at the Pasadena Playhouse in January and screen rights have already been purchased by Hollywood Pictures. You'll realize gay playwright, Jonathan Tolins, hasn't hit on such a far-out idea if you read the interview with scientist Simon LeVay coming next week in the B.A.R. Entertainment section.



HT24 — Oooh baby, gag me with that noxious gas of yours

Yes, it's here — the Mr. S Leather Catalog — in not one, but two tasty volumes. Among the various and sundry items, we were particularly drawn to No. HT45, the Rubber Pecker Gag (\$49), with its solid rubber peckershaped insert. The catalog explains, "This is our favorite gag! It's comfortable, chewable and can be easily cleaned." (Someone should send one to Jesse Helms.) Item No. HT24, the Civilian Russian Gas Mask (\$12.50 without hose) also caught our eye (see photo). But we ask you — just where are we supposed to find the appropriate purse and shoes to complete the ensemble?

Speaking of ... Agent of Satan Jesse Helms, who blasted Roberta Achtenberg and her "homosexual agenda"

from the floor of the Senate, reportedly sent Republican minions to pour over newspapers at the S.F. Main Library last week, searching for dirt that could be used against Achtenberg. Is there any doubt at this point that the real winner in this travesty of the American political process is precisely the "homosexual agenda" Helms hoped to torpedo?

The Advocate features an interview with Three of Hearts star Kelly Lynch, who says her gay-friendly attitude was instilled in her early—her father owned a drag bar in Minneapolis. Married mom Lynch is dying to play one of the Dykes on Bikes in the film version of The Mayor of Castro Street.



Boz Scaggs — soon of Market Street?

The Advocate also has a piece on the marketing of the video of the BBC version of David Leavitt's The Lost Language of Cranes. CBS/Fox is marketing the video without once using the word "gay" in the flack kit. "Titles with similar themes and audiences" are selling well, CBS is telling video store owners, going on to list My Own Private Idaho, Longtime Companion, and Paris is Burning. The Advocate piece does not mention which version is on tape—the original BBC version, or the PBS version with the ever so slightly naughty bits taken out, but from those marketing materials, you can take a wild guess which one it'll be.

Entertainment Weekly has an article on the new wave of gay movies. In addition to all the ones you read about here first, some new developments: Joe Eszterhas is writing a script called Layers of Skin, which features a gay cop; the novel A Home at the End of the World and the musical Falsettos are both being shopped around Hollywood; and the publicists for Jonathan Demme's Philadelphia are targeting gay publications with stuff on the movie, while downplaying the gay angle to the general public. EW's inside source says, "They must decide if it will play better in Kansas if the movie's focus is on homophobia or AIDS phobia. It seems like AIDS phobia will play better." Guess people have more compassion for the dying than they have for those who are having a good time.

New York magazine has the inside dish on the release party for Michelangelo Signorile's new book Queer in



Kelly Lynch — aspiring dyke on bike

America. Seems Random House, the book's publisher, went ballistic when they saw the invitation to the party, held at New York's Club USA, whose graphics included a naked man with the publisher's logo on his butt. A Random House spokesperson, presumably not with tongue in cheek, said the invitation was "not the kind of exposure we were looking for."

Quotable Quotes from Boy George in Us magazine: "For me there's a certain superiority in being gay." The opening line of his unfinished autobiography: "When I was a little boy, I wanted to be like Shirley Bassey." On discovering that his record company has added images of starving children to his drag-parade video: "It looks like a telethon."

Spin gives us the history of rock stars in drag, and while we've all gotten used to seeing Kurt Cobain in a pretty little frock, some of those listed are surprising candidates for gender-bending: Suicidal Tendencies' front man Mike Muir wore a dress in the band's first shows, before adopting his East L.A. tough guy wardrobe; professional shouter and angry guy Henry Rollins subverted the theme of a spoken-word event called "Macho Poets" by doning a smart number; and Thelonius Monster drummer Pete Weiss is going to be working the runway in Betsey Johnson's fall show.

Despite all that fashion flair the grungies are showing, Suede's lead singer Brett Anderson (you remember, the "bisexual man who's never had a homosexual experience") tells that same issue of Spin that he finds grunge rock "oppressively masculine." When asked about the lyrics of one Suede song, which is about being ravished, Anderson says "That's very much how I feel. I'm interested in lying back and taking it. And that's traditionally a female thing." This latest band for sensitive, young, sexually confused boys will play Slim's on June 10.



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BAY AREA REPORTER MAY 27, 1993 PAGE 35 Eric Bentley's 'La Ronde II'

### Inept Update

by Jerry Metzker

was not so much that t was not so much that the room was hot and stuffy or even that I rushed in at the very last minute, but all through the London Pacific Theatre Company's production of La Ronde II by Eric Bentley at the Alcazar Loft, I kept wishing I were downstairs at Forever Plaid. This play (with no insult intended to our ca-

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nine friends) is a dog.

Based on Austrian Arthur Schnitzler's scandalous 1900 play La Ronde in which ten heterosexual characters engage in a series of love affairs, La Ronde II takes place in the sexually rapacious gay community of the 1970s in which sexual trysts and onenight stands are the recognizable norm. Where Schnitzler's original comedy evaluated sex and love and ego in

not necessarily flattering but humorously perceptive terms, playwright Bentley's update seems all thumbs, wallowing in the sex without any sensi-bility. As far as the humor is concerned, all was lost in John Higgins' inept staging and sloppy blocking — except for one very exaggerated or-gasm.

The great irony of Bent-ley's adaptation is Bentley himself. All across the world, himself. All across the world, Bentley is recognized as one of the great theatre scholars of our day. His writings are integral to the understanding of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill; he has championed productions of their plays and even provided their first En-glish language translations. even provided their first English language translations. His perceptions and analyses of drama still influence contemporary theatre, and his theatre criticism is outstanding. Yet, as far as La Ronde II is concerned, he possesses no skill as a playwright at all. The sexual dynamics, the moral dilemmas, and the great ironies of Schnitzler's original escape him completely. As each sex scene (and

ly. As each sex scene (and there are ten of them here) passes, the only interest elicit ed comes from knowing that we're moving closer to the end of the play.



It is possible that Bentley has grasped some of the objectifying and painful nature of the promiscuous gay world of that time, but any semblance, any spark of life has been thoroughly stamped out by Hisgries and his cent

been thoroughly stamped out by Higgins and his cast. Specifically, each scene re-volves around a sex act. As orchestrated by Higgins and performed rather artificially by the cast, the sex here is about as interesting as trimabout as interesting as trim-ming your fingernails — and trimming your nails takes longer. The sex is not so much hurried (this play runs over two hours as it is) as un-convincing, with only one ac-tor coming close to Meg Ryan Carlo D'Amore (left) and Frank Gedden, turgidly in tandem for

The sex here is about as interesting as trimming your fingernails— and trimming your nails takes longer.

in the fake orgasm department (Frank Widman in the final scene).

As far as the other actors go, I'll save them from the embarrassment of printing their names, but I cannot recall one sincere moment, one dash of honest acting, one solid characterization. In fact, this is the most pretentious bad acting I have seen since I witnessed Jonathan Pryce hamming it up in Miss

namming it up in Miss Saigon.
However, I do pity the actors. The Alcazar Loft (which looked and felt like the end of a too long office Christmas party) is no place to put on a play. By its very nature, this space defeats any attempt at intriment.

intimacy.

Bad productions are not criminal offenses, but stuff like this — with its blatant and unmitigated sexual idiocy — undermines those artists who employ sexuality and sex with purpose and integrity. Productions like La Ronde II are only fodder for our enemies, and that, my friends, is a crime.

La Ronde II Alcazar Loft, through June 26 749-1790

### Madras Memories

by John F. Karr

orget your troubles, come on — get happy. Forever Plaid is the feel good show you'll feel good show you'll want to take your friends to. This sparkling revue takes us to an innocent 1950s, without the shadow of McCarthy or bomb shelters. In Forever Plaid, it's a time of crew-cuts, cardigan sweaters, and close harmony. It's also the time that saw the end of television's The Hit Parade. Rock and roll may have been knocking at the door, but it doesn't come in during this evening's irresistible succession of toe-tappers, heartwarmers and novelty numbers.

bers.

The show has a simple, yet metaphoric premise: four high school friends who formed the harmony group



John Ganum, Robert Lambert, Roy Chicas, and David Benoit

"Forever Plaid" are killed when their car is broadsided by a school bus filled with Catholic school girls on their way to see the Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show. Somehow never mind the details — they're allowed to come back for one evening to perform the show they never got to do in

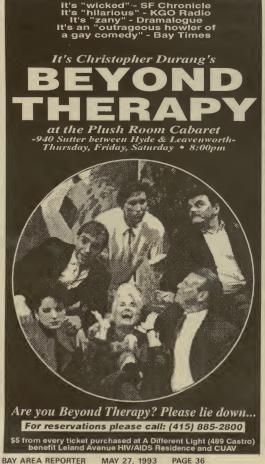
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The fact that the boys can-

not stay with us adds just the right soupcon of regret to the evening's nostalgia; by the time their 29 songs have rollicked by, we know whoever sings them will live on.

The clever script is by Stuart Ross, who also provides snappy direction and crisply satirical choreography. The impressive vocal arrangements, going far beyond recreations of the originals, (Continued on next page)

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Ronnie Gilbert Triumphs as Mother Jones

# Hell-Raising Woman

by Jerry Metzker

ore than her impressive command of the stage, more than her unmore than her unlimited reserve of energy and dedication, more than the miraculous transformation from weak centurian to hell-raising public speaker to loving mother figure, more than her seasoned and expressive voice, Ronnie Gilbert's incarration of Mother Mary Harris nation of Mother Mary Harris Jones, union organizer ex-traordinaire is epitomized by traordinaire is epitomized by the little nuances of character she and director Timothy Near utilize in Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America, currently featured by Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse.

Gilbert's Mother Jones is a woman who can skip girlish-ly, lift her skirt just enough for a slight two-step, and slip a delicate hand through her slightly unruly white hair to gently replace those unsee-able strays mussed under a hat. When Gilbert plants her two feet solidly on the stage and thrusts her shoulders back, she speaks with a pow-er as firm and sure as the con-viction behind her words. When she takes a sip of her spiked tea, the warming charge that runs through her registers in a satisfied sigh.

Mother Jones is sometimes sweet and charming and sometimes tougher than nails — tougher than the capitalists against whom she fought for the last 60 years of her 100-year life. Mother Jones was always as tough as she needed to be to rouse the mine workers, mill workers, streetcar workers steel workers and any other oppressed group any other oppressed group working under unacceptable labor conditions. And some times she was as gentle and kind as she needed to be with those same workers, their stoic wives, and their hungry children. Hence her

various "roles" as Mother Jones, as union agitator, and even as "the most dangerous woman in America" — a title given to her by a West Virginia prosecutor.

When a college professor called her a "great humanitarian," Jones corrected him immediately. "Get it right. I'm not a humanitarian. I'm a hellraiser." Or more accurately, as she professes in the first song of the show (written by Si Kahn, Ronnie Gilbert, and Libby McLaren), she is an "Agitator" and proud of it.

#### **Rousing Songs**

Gilbert sings ten songs in this one-woman show, big and lively political songs like "You are the 'U' in Union," the rousing "Jail Can't Hold My Body Down," and the poignant "Children's Crusade" commemorating a march of working-class children with no education and gnarled hands from faulty factory equipment — a march that went from Philadelphia to President Theodore Roose-velt's home in Oyster Bay, New

How this woman began her mission and remarkable public life is captured in the song "Stitch and Sew" (by Kahn). After losing her husband and children to yellow fever in Tennessee, Jones spent a few years making clothes for the wealthy of Chicago, watching the everabused working people out her window and evaluating the great disparities in the lifestyles between her employers and the workers. For this song especially, Gilbert's voice is haunting, emotional, and complex. She reaches to the deepest part of her soul.

The lines between Mother Jones and Ronnie Gilbert's portrayal of her blur. Gilbert's work here far

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are by James Raitt. They have wisely capitalized on the period's novelty numbers — "Lady of Spain," "Jamaica Farewell," "Undecided" keeping the show up and prancing on its entertaining toes. Ballads, like "No, Not Much," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," are wisely rationed, and delicious spely rationed, and delicious spe-cial treatment is given to the raves of the day — like "Cry," which still provides a thrill. I'd go to Forever Plaid every night of the week just to hear the perfect beauty of Roy Chi-cas' pure falsetto on this one.

#### Loose Lips

But it's surprising how tightly staged the show can be and still leave room for the personal idiosyncrasies of the cast. Robert Lamert plays a fledgling Sinatra, and David Benoit is a droll comedian. Early on I was mesmerized by the lush lips of bespectateld John Ganna as he moved cled John Ganun as he moved them around making that cav-ernous sound basses make. Then I was scandalized at the deliciously obscene moment

when he gets them stuck in the spindle hole of a 45 rpm record. But bantam-weight Chicas stole my heart, with his bee-stung lips, Eddie Cantor eyes, and laser-like high voice.

There's a lot of camp in the show — in the every-note-has-a-move choreography, and in the jokes — like one singer's revelation that he enjoyed the vaguely S/M way his father had of beating rhythms on his head. Also notable is the show's superb production.

show's superb production.

The set is a star, too, with lots of clever tricks of its own.

Best of all, though, is the way Forever Plaid wraps its campy, laugh-filled evening around songs, without mocking them. The show lets the ing them. The show lets the song's own particular heart and soul shine brightly. For that alone, Forever Plaid should run at least until we've all seen it twice. Fabulous music, spiffy performances, and lots of sassy choreography, make for a swall time. phy make for a swell time.

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Gilbert's work here far eclipses any of her prior acting endeavors.

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eclipses any of her prior acting endeavors.
Written by Gilbert and directed by Near, this play is more than biography, more than a tribute, more than a history lesson. This piece is a remarkable slice of life with resonance for our own time.

Ronnie Gilbert, standing tall as Mother Jones in Berkeley

Jones' Gilbert cries for the massive amounts of money spent on jails to be used for education and makes simple, common-sense demands for decent wages, homes, and food for all. The members of audience vociferously

the audience vociferously agree.

The show is a little overproduced—Kent Dorsey's set and David K.H. Elliot's lighting are beautiful but quite elaborate. Gilbert could just as easily do the show in a simpler space. Nevertheless, the scenic trappings do not detract from the show, and perhaps for those who need

to see that they're getting their money's worth, the setting is an added boon.

This show is Gilbert — Gilbert inhabiting a role so well that the barrier between actress and character is shattered. It is a shame that this play closes so soon, far better to see Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America than to read about it.

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# **Esoteric** Noir

by Daniel Mangin

he Roxie Cinema once again exposes the underside of the American psyche with a two-week, 28-picture film noir series May 28-June 10.

The theatre's 1991 and 1992 compilations were heavy on the classics — Double Indemnity, Touch of Evil, White Heat. This time out the selections are more esoteric and run the gramut from teric and run the gamut from taut mini-masterpieces such as Detour, Gun Crazy and The Killers to works — Shack Out on 101 and Jeopardy, for instance — that on some levels seem more akin to '50s TV than to film noir.

One of the best bills (screening June 5) pairs two 1955 pictures, Robert Aldrich's Kiss Me Deadly (a major influence on the French New Wave, not to French New Wave, not to mention two generations of film school students) and the lesser known Shack Out on 101. Both productions reflect '50s fears of nuclear holocaust, and each buys into the hysteria of the period while also spotlighting the concurrent, pre-feminism battles between the sexes.

Kiss Me Deadly, photographed by Ernest Lazlo (the genre's buffs are often as interested in a picture's director of photography as its stars

tor of photography as its stars or director), is a Mike Ham-mer mystery that revolves



Ann Savage and Tom Neal in Detour

around the murder of a young woman who has some-how come into possession of info about stolen radioactive material.

#### Textbook Shot

Kiss Me Deadly begins with a textbook noir shot: a ground-level camera looks up at the woman (Cloris Leachman in her cinematic debut), lit only by the headlights of passing cars, frantically run-ning down a lonely road. Hammer (sexy Ralph Meeker), driving a sporty convertible, picks her up.
Christina has escaped from

an asylum. After Hammer overhears the police describ-ing her situation at a road-block, he doesn't betray her

and they pass through without raising suspicion.

Christina is totally dependent on Hammer for survival, so what does she do? She berates him, a person she's just met, for all his flaws — and those of his gender to boot:

"You're one of those self-indulgent males who thinks about nothing but his clothes, his car, himself. Bet you do push-ups every morning to keep your belly hard. You're the kind of person who never gives in a relationship. You only take. Ah, woman, the incomplete sex. And what does she need to complete her? Why man, of course. Wonderful man."

This is what made the French and others go ape

over noir pictures. In addition to their aesthetic virtues — economy of visual style, ex-tended nonverbal sequences and often inventive audio (Aldrich's use of sound in Kiss Me Deadly is particularly noteworthy) — the films combine fatalism about life and love with a pithy sense of the absurd.

Ignoring common sense and the pleas of the authorities and of Velda, his faithful accomplice in near criminality (the pair set up husbands in divorce cases), Hammer investigates Christina's death. A smart-aleck throwback to simpler times he fight himself pler times, he finds himself nearly overwhelmed by the complexities of the nuclear

#### A Real Find

With an even lower budget than Kiss Me Deadly and a lesser director (Edward Dein) at the helm, Shack Out on 101, shot almost entirely on a diner set, has the feel of a shabby TV drama. Despite a

shabby TV drama. Despite a famous d.p. (Floyd Crosby, whose credits include Tabu and High Noon), there isn't a shred of visual invention in the whole movie.

Most of it plays like a "they're-lurking-everywhere" anti-Commie piece, but snappy dialogue (credit the director, who co-wrote with his wife) and solid ensemble acting make it one of the "finds" of the Roxie's fest.

The plot is simple — and

The plot is simple — and convoluted. Keenan Wynn owns a coastal diner. A nearowns a coastal diner. A near-by government lab attracts spies, counterspies, and counter-counterspies. They're all his customers or suppliers. By film's end, nobody trusts anybody, a perfect commen-tary on life during the Mc-Carthy years Carthy years.

Shack Out on 101 begins with a nasty knock-off — a continuation, really — of the famous beach scene in From Here to Eternity. A woman (Terry Moore) lies face up on the sand, corpse-like, sea foam washing up around her. A man (Lee Marvin, who we later find out is named "Slob"), approaching from a distance, leans over the body. He appears concerned, but quickly takes advantage of

quickly takes advantage of the woman's vulnerability and proceeds to kiss her. She awakes and fights him off, first with her fists and then

with some rocks.
The Deborah Kerr/Burt Lancaster Eternity scene is remembered more for its ro-mantic elements, but as critic mantic elements, but as critic Brandon French points out, that sentimental moment quickly degenerates into a series of brutal accusations. Shack dispenses with sentiment altogether and heads straight for the estrangement. Greater dangers than mere heterosexual discord confront.

heterosexual discord confront neterosexual discord controlli society, though. Commies, to be precise, and they're everywhere, out to lure the simpleminded and even the educated into their nefarious

lair.
Unlike Kiss Me Deadly,
Shack Out on 101 doesn't bear too much analysis. It's campy fun, obvious propaganda and a great artifact. Mar-

> Marvin and Wynn have a *tres* queer workout session comparing each other's body parts discussing wardrobe—in Shack Out on 101.

vin and Wynn have a tres vin and Wynn have a tres queer workout session — comparing each other's body parts and discussing wardrobe — that ends with them asking Moore to judge who's got the best pair of legs. "In this establishment — I have," she rules.

Yet behind the silliness lies a nagging trulk America

Yet behind the silliness lies a nagging truth: America in the '50s ran on precisely the simplistic world view that fuels Shack — fear all difference, accept governmental requests for diminished rights because the authorities "know better."

As for women's liberation, Moore is one step short of a major breakthrough. Like many noir women she's just smart enough to be the heroine — and just dumb enough to go off with the hero.

#### Rare Gay Characters

Two rare gay characters—lovers, no less—surface in Joseph H. Lewis' gritty The Big Combo, a 1955 film about a cop who fights all odds to get at the head of an underworld syndicate. The film, photographed by noir legend John Alton, screens June 10.

Given Lewis' penchant for Given Lewis' penchant tor linking sex and violence (which also surfaces in *Gum Crazy*, screening May 29), we probably should be glad that although he was able to sneak these two vicious fellows past the Hollywood Code censors, he couldn't really flesh out any connection between their orientation and their ruthlessorientation and their ruthless ness.

Film Noir at the Roxie May 28-June 10 863-1087





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#### Club Foot Orchestra at the Castro

# Art or Bust

by Mark Freeman

s the lights dim at our historic Castro Theater this week-end, the old scratchy-black images of '20s movies will limn the screen as the Club Foot Orchestra presents its entire retrospective of musical compositions for silent films. Club Foot gained fame

sical compositions for sient films. Club Foot gained fame "doing" European cult faves Metropolis and The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, adding classical new music to help us Weill away hours.

In '20s Europe, however, spunky American jazz was revitalizing tired art song and music hall traditions. Cofounder Richard Marriot expresses Club Foot's delight in "growing" the score for Buster Keaton's 1924 Sherlock Jr. from the germ of American music. "In turn-of-the-century New Orleans they combined Sousa brass band with blues, bluegrass, and with blues, bluegrass, and Latin sounds. The past 90 years have only refined that synthesis."

#### Jazz Detective

Their newest score for Keaton's Sherlock Jr. is pure old-time jazz — and hot stuff — perfectly timed to the narrative. An Ellingtonian Latin intive. An Ellingtonian Latin intro plays over the titles, breaking into an "oom-pah" beat to present the sad-faced hero who dreams of being a detective while working a broom at the local cinema. When he finds a dollar to buy a box of candy for his true love, the score quotes the song "We're In the Money" for a few measures (whistled by the orchestral) before the lovers' tryst is interrupted by the town gigolo with a marimba rendering of tango rhythms. rhythms.

rhythms. Sherlock Jr. is the masterwork where Keaton falls asleep at a movie projector and his dream self dissociates from his sleeping body, climbing over the orchestra to enter the screen and save his girl. It's the opposite of the metaphor employed by Woody Allen in the Purple Rose of Cairo. For us in the real audience, the double-take fun has just begun.

Watch and listen for slapstick jazz to an out-of-control

watch and listen for siap-stick jazz to an out-of-control train; fine Hawaiian guitar riffs from "Little Grass Shack;" fiddle improvisations by Catharine Clune for the

nefarious butler; and a drunken raggy waltz to what may be film's funniest chase scene. Looking at the members of

this young orchestra, conducted by Deirdre McClure, you might imagine them all to be avant garde heroes: they dress in eclectic black — cock-tail gowns or pork-pie hats above soup-catcher beardlets — and they switch instruments —and they switch instruments faster than drag queens change outfits. But if you could see them swarming over their publicist to get their own copies of group publicity stills ("I need two, one's for my mom!"), you'd recognize them as big kids, or full-fledged music nerds with the single-minded absorption needed to succeed in an unlikely field.

#### Wrinkle Removers

Orchestra members share Orchestra members share a concerted interest in exploring all the types of music hidden in the wrinkles of the 20th Century, especially where popular and chamber modes come together. Fritz Lang's 1926 Metropolis receives a score that sounds like Stravinsky, Ives, and Debussy, more fitting than the colorized 1984 rock version. Proving the group's San Francisco egalitarian ways, Metropolis has sections com-Metropolis has sections composed by members Beth Custer, Steve Kirk, Sheldon Brown, Nik Phelps, Chris Grady, and Miles Boisen (playing his two-necked monster guitar) as well as by Richard Marriot. Their Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (featuring homosexual actor Conrad Veidt, the original Prince of Pallor, as the somnambulist) matches the post-romantic period with a postmodern apriod with a postmodern approach to music consonant with its Bauhaus visuals.

And on Nosferatu, a vampire story starring Max Schreck, the orchestra welcomes guest stars Laurie Amat (replacing lyrical sec-

Amat (replacing lyrical sections of the score with her amazing vocalizations) and cellist Matt Brubeck (yes, Dave's son). This is the epitome of hip.

A final note for those not yet convinced they will miss good times if they avoid the Castro retrospective. Each feature film comes with a cartoon or short: Entracte, surrealism starring real French surrealists to Eric Satie's music; world premiere scores for sic; world premiere scores for



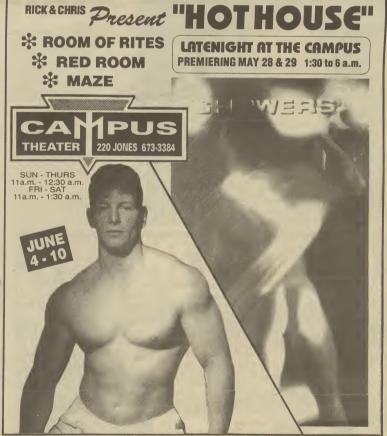
The Club Foot Orchestra lights up the Castro with live music and film this weekend

Felix the Cat Woos Whoopee, complete with "glug-glugs" and actual party horns bought at Cliff's Hardware.

Windsor McKay's How a Mosquito Operates and Max Fleischer's Koko Convict; and percussionist Kenny Wollesen's hilarious contributions to the soundtrack of Felix the Cat Woos Whoopee, complete with "glug-glugs" as Felix downs a foamy beer (during Prohibition, mind you) and actual party horns that Wollesen bought at Cliff's Hardware.

It is more than fitting that we hear a celebration of early jazz, America's own classical music, in the cartoons — where most of us first heard it. Films, with cartoons, never sounded better.

Editor's Note: Sherlock Jr. plays with Cops and Koko Convict on Friday, May 28 at 7 p.m., as well as Sunday and Monday matinees at 2 p.m. Metropolisplus Felix the Cat Woos Whoopee screens at 9:15 p.m. Friday night, and 7 and 9:15 p.m. the following Monday, May 31. The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari and The Idea are shown Saturday only, at 7 p.m. and at 9:15 p.m with the addition of Entr'acte. Nosferatu with the equally vampyric How a Mosquito Operates can be seen only on Sunday May 30 at 7 and 9:15 p.m.



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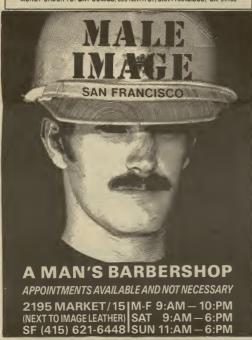
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Books

# Mission Impossible

Leaving Town Alive: Confessions of an Arts Warrior by John Frohnmayer; Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95

by Jim Coughenour

ohn Frohnmayer's apologia for his ill-fated term as the chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts is a another depressing chapter in the annals of political morality. Appointed by the kinder, gentler George Bush to head an agency already reeling from the Andres Serrano/Robert Mapplethorpe controversies. Frohnmayer accontroversies. Serrano/Robert Mapplethorpe controversies, Frohnmayer accepted a position that was devoted to the arts in name only. What Frohnmayer soon discovered was that his job was not only to promote the mission of the NEA but also to protect George Bush from his neolithic constituency on the Republican right

his neolithic constituency on the Republican right.
Frohnmayer's folly was to imagine that he could do both. While hardly an ardent Republican ("I simply couldn't bring myself to vote for a ticket that included Dan Quayle"), Frohnmayer was obviously a committed supporter of the arts as well as a true believer in the First Amendment. But as he soon ruefully discovered, the Bush ruefully discovered, the Bush administration was "committed to almost nothing other than continuing to occupy the real estate at 1600 Pennsylva-

real estate at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

The most depressing aspect of this memoir, however, is not the apathy of the administration, but the hate tactics of Jesse Helms & Co. The theocratic agenda of the Christian right extended far beyond disemboweling the NEA and eviscerating the First Amendment, into darker and more turbid passions. Frohnmayer recalls an early meeting with the Acorns, a club of conservative congressmen. Frohnmayer dutifully assured these men that he assured these men that he also opposed obscenity, but as he left them "I felt the need for a shower ... . The enthusi-asm with which this group pursued homosexuals and es poused moral purity hinted at an exorcism of personal

Equally depressing was the fact that there seemed to be no countervailing force to

the religious right from liber al Christians. "I could not identify a single religious figure from the mainstream who could speak with moral authority for the principle of artistic freedom." Nor were

#### Frohnmayer emerges from his account with his integrity intact.

the artists themselves much help. Fumbling and compro-mised by his concessions to the right, Frohmayer found himself the target of activist artists like Annie Sprinkle and David Wojnarowicz, who believed themselves betrayed.

The predictable result was that Frohnmayer managed to earn the enmity of everyone.



Christian cretins like Donald Wildmon and Lou Sheldon despised him because he despised him because he wasn't repressive enough. Feminist and queer artists despised him because he was too repressive. (Of his botched handling of the Artists Space controversy, Frohnmayer admits, "I couldn't have handled it worse with a rehearsed script.")

Nevertheless. Frohnmayer

Nevertheless, Frohnmayer emerges from his account with his integrity intact — his political naivete punished but his commitment to artistic freedom radicalized. *Leaving* Town Alive is a liberal's survival story, a testament to the nobility and futility of the best American ideals. ▼

### **Bo Huston** June 10, 1959 — May 24, 1993

Born Paul Richard Huston on June 10, 1959, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Bo Huston died Monday, May 24, 1993, in the company of his loved ones. He is survived by his partner, Dan Carmell; his parents, Dan Carmell; his parents, James and Lucille Huston of Newport, Rhode Island; his brothers, Daniel and Joseph Huston; his much-loved sister, Meg Huston; and many friends in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, and elsewhere. elsewhere.

Bo Huston attended Hampshire College in Massachusetts, and spent the better part of the 1980s exploring the New York scene. He marched in the first March on

marched in the first March on Washington in 1979 and took great joy in the outlaw as-pects of gay culture. He moved to San Francis-co as he began to find renew-al in his life. His diagnosis with HIV disease in early 1988 stimulated him to work and love and fight AIDS at a and love and fight AIDS at a ferocious pace. He tried sever-al experimental AIDS treatments as well as conventional therapies. With great skill, he explored the phenomenon of AIDS in his writing and fought its effects in his spirifought its effects in his spir-tual life, achieving great serenity and acceptance, which aided him (and those near him) in his final illness.

He wrote articles and reviews for the B.A.R. and the Sentinel and was a regular columnist for the Bay Times, as well as a contributor to Outweek, the Advocate, Mother Jones, and other periodicals and anthologies. He odicals and anthologies. He wrote five novels (including the recent *The Dream Life*), a play, and many short sto-ries, plus he exhibited photo-graphic pieces at several galleries. His last work, The Listener, a novella, will be published by St. Martin's this fall, as will an anthology to which he contributed an essay ex-



Bo Huston (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

ploring his relationship to

Bo will be remembered

Bo will be remembered with love and tender affection by all those he touched, most especially his friends in recovery. We will all hold dear to us memories and grace notes from our years with him.

Memorial services will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on Sunday, May 30, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bo Huston Fund for Writers. for Writers.

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The word, Dearest hold in my heart is "Forever."

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# Sex With - and Without - Substance

by Paul Bollwinkel

ornography is, ornography is, of course, a completely subjective experience. But if you ask me, there aren't a lot of actors who look their best shot from who took their best sinct from below, in the nude, while squatting over and straddling the steel fingers of a forklift. That's the position porn star Ray Butler, who shaved for the occasion, finds himself in near the beginning of the latest Falcon release, Shadows

est Falcon release, Shadows in the Night.

Butler's character drives forlornly through the Castro, looking, as we learn in voice-over, for some mystery man who can give him exactly what he wants. What he wants, apparently, is a tall dark handsome man all done up in leather and chains wear.

dark handsome man all done up in leather and chains wearing mirrored sunglasses who can operate a forklift.

He finds Kris Lord in a nondescript warehouse, and the two of them go at it in typical porno fashion. A little oral sex, a little anal sex, and a little hand up the butt. After this, Butler leaves the scene for a while, and Shadows in the Night moves to several other condomed couples with no obvious connection to Butler's original fantasy.

ler's original fantasy.

When Butler returns to the action, he participates in a nasty little dominance/submis-sion game on a barber's chair sion game on a barber's chair with the thoroughly unappealing Grant King. King delivers the dirty talk ("Lick those tits, boy") in an ever-changing accent while Butler does his best to make the chair seem like a good idea for novel sexual positioning. It isn't.

The best scene is that porno staple: the orgy finale. Like an act from an amateur Cirque de Soleil, the boys, including the handsome Pre-

cluding the handsome Pre-ston Ward, make the most of a tall aluminum ladder and what looks like the cropped green carpet from a miniature golf course.

Shadows in the Night is Shadows in the Night is well-photographed and some of the actors are nice-looking, but like most porn films, it suffers from a lack of structure and context. Sex in a void has its place, but there aren't many people who will need all 80 minutes to enjoy the film's strong points. If you are in the market for 80 min-

Kiss-Off makes a strong attempt to meld narrative and hardcore sex.

utes of macho posturing, dirty talk, and extreme close-up sex, you won't be disappointed, however.

#### **Surprising Success**

Kiss-Off, on the other hand, makes a strong attempt to meld narrative and hard-

to meld narrative and hardcore sex, and to a surprising
degree — considering the
amount of dialogue its non-actors are required to speak — it
succeeds.

Kiss-Off tells the story of
Joseph W. Budd (Axel Garret), a rookie cop who works
undercover in bathrooms,
bookstores, cinemas, and
parks. His senior partner,
Marty Webb (Michael Brawn),
is a homophobic closet case what yeer (which are Brawn), is a homophobic closet case who sets up entrapment scenarios for Budd and then watches the action when he is supposed to bust in and make an arrest.

As the story develops, both Budd and Webb (who takes bribes from the entrapees and never admits that he's gay) take turns being bait and spy, but in scene after scene, they never make an arrest and al-

ways have sex with the sup-posed criminals. On top of posed criminals. On top of that, Budd, who is a little more comfortable with his orientation, videotapes the encounters and carries on a flirtation with his new neighbor, who, not so coincidentally, was also his first on-the-job

All of this is much less of-All of this is much less of-fensive than it could be large-ly because director Jerry Dou-glas films it all with a know-ing wink and a nudge. We know they know they're really not going to arrest anyone, and the whole thing becomes a porno spoof on the inanity of police entrapment — and on the risks and thrills of gay sex

in public places.

By the end the two cops have gone undercover as "high-class call boys" and are forced by the doubting leader of a prostitution ring to have sex with each other in the back of a limo. This *Charlie's Angels* takeoff allows Garret and Brawn, one blond, one dark, both young and adorable, to do each other in the line of duty. It's an exceptionally erotic scene that leads

to the required orgy finale with men losing their tuxedos left and right.
With the exception of Brawn, no one in Kiss-Off is likely to be offered non-porn acting parts, but Douglas makes the most of his cast's skills. Garret, sporting a USMC tattoo, is mostly stone-faced and pensive, but his oc-casional self-conscious smile is used to great advantage. It



Kris Lord, major talent, and star of Shadows in the Night

lets us in on his supposed se-cret: he's gay, he's enjoying the sex, and he's not going to let his partner get away with his corrupt "pervo patrol" for very long. Working with Webb is a coming-out experi-ence for Budd, and by the end, he's politicized enough to take on the police establish-ment.

ment.
Don't get me wrong. KissOff is mainly about hardcore
sex. But its relatively complex narrative, sense of humor, interesting visuals, and

political sensibility make it more than just the inspiration for a forgettable wank. The filmmakers' good intentions are summed up in a closing credit that dedicates the film to "The one good gay cop who must remain, in this imperfect world, anonymous."

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#### Track

# **Tracksters in Class Act**

by Rick Thoman

High-octane competition was burning up Kezar Stadi-um's track May 15 at the sec-ond annual Mizuno Track & Field Classic. Highlighted by the first sub four-minute mile ever run in San Francisco (by no less than four runners), the event was well-populated by Olympic, NCAA, corpo-rate, and world track and field champions.

Among the high-class competition were several members of the San Francisco Track & Field Club. A per-

sonal best performance from Rob Lenderink in the 200 meters (at 24.9 seconds) — in addition to his strong run in the 800 meters (at 2:05.7) — led the club. Lenderink has been a high surface strong for the big success story for the SFT&FC this season, and his increased speed has made him a real threat in a variety

of events.
"Rob's not only on course to achieve some outstanding personal goals this year, but he also remains a tremendous asset to our 4x400 relay," commented co-coach Frank Demby. "As long as he stays healthy, you'll be hearing a



Rob Lenderink runs the 200-meter

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BOWILING LEAGNES



Appearing in his first meet for the SFT&FC, Kenneth Parish ran his first race in over four years, and he did it against one of the best in the against one of the best in the world. Parish raced in the 100 meters next to Olympic decathlete and Reebok poster boy Dan O'Brien (of the "Dan & Dave" ads). Parish finished a few meters behind the Olympic star, turning in a fine "first-of-the-season" clocking of 12.5 seconds.

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lot from him this season.

"It's pretty gutsy to get up to the starting line with that caliber of competition," Dem-by said, in reference to O'Brien. "I think Kenneth did a fine job of staying relaxed and focused. Being in a race with an Olympic-class athlete is bound to give him confi-

dence in the meets ahead."
Also competing for the SF
Track & Field Club were
Reggie Snowden in the high
hurdles and Eddie Hall in the 200 meters. Both were satisfied with their performances and are looking ahead to the Pacific Association/UST&F championships in Los Gatos June 12.

The Mizuno meet turned "The Mizuno meet turned out to be a spur-of-the-moment opportunity for us to get in a little more fine tuning before Los Gatos. Our meet in late April was canceled at the last minute, and we really haven't had much of a chance to test ourselves." naven t nad much of a chance to test ourselves," noted Dem-by. "We're looking for big things to happen in June and at the Seattle Sports Festival July 4." New members are continuing to join the club as it starts to put together a strong squad for next year's Gay Games IV in New York. The team is open to all, regardless of age or ability. Training is at Kezar Stadium each Tuesday and Thursday night at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 10 a.m.

The SF Track & Field Club is raising funds to cover its participation in the Gay Games by offering its special discounted hotel and travel package to anyone interested — athletes or non-athletes, individuals or teams. For more information, contact Bryan New members are continu

information, contact Bryan Travel at 731-8411 and ask for Kathleen. For more information about becoming a member of the San Francisco Track & Field Club, call 550-7966. ▼

#### Bodybuilding

# National Gay Bodybuilding Championships in Seattle

eam Seattle will sponsor the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Summer Gay/Lesbian Summer Sports Festival on July 3 through 5, starting off with the Independence Day Grand Prix Gay and Lesbian National Bodybuilding Championships in the Seattle Hilton's Pacific Ballroom. In the years there are no Gay Games, Seattle puts on annual sports festivals both sumal sports festivals both summer and winter.

Now that San Francisco is

Now that San Francisco is home to "International" body-building competitions, and Dallas has the "North American" championships, the "National" competitions take place in the Emerald City on Puget Sound.
Pacific Northwest AAU physique chairman Marshall Campbell will be the promoter. Campbell will be the promoter. Campbell has set aside 100 rooms at the Seattle Hilton for under \$80 to be shared with the rest of Team Seattle and its many sports divisions. and its many sports divisions. There will be a 21-day cut-off There will be a 21-day cut-off for this offer prior to the competitions, so reserve early if interested. For information write to the North American Bodybuilding Judges Guild, 4414 Fitz Drive, Bremerton, WA 98312



Tom Doyle of Seattle

# **Gay Sports Festival** Takes Over

by Rick Thoman

ay and lesbian athletes will be out in full force Memorial Day weekend as the Bay Area plays host to numerous sporting events.

San Jose State is the site for the ninth annual North American Gay Volleyball Association's national championship to uprament, Pool play

American Gay Volleyball Association's national championship tournament. Pool play begins Friday, May 28, with action continuing throughout the weekend until Sunday's climactic championship matches. For additional information, call (415) 431-0801.

San Francisco's Gay Tennis Federation hosts their annual US Gay Open Tennis championships throughout the weekend as well. With over 300 entrants, the SFGTF will be utilizing courts throughout the Bay Area. Saturday and Sunday action, starting at approximately 9 a.m., will include women's matches at Mills College in Oakland, and men's play at Stanford University, Golden Gate Park, and Hellman courts at UC Berkeley, Finals and semifinals will all be held at the Golden Gate Park tennis courts on Monday, May 31. For specific information, contact (415) 861-5160.

#### **Boxing First**

Team San Francisco is staging their second annual Memorial Day Weekend Sports Festival, beginning with an athlete's reception at the San Francisco Eagle on Francisco Eagle on Francisco Eagle on Francisco Eagle on Francisco the San Francisco Lagie on Friday night at 7 p.m. Sports action for Saturday includes: SF Frontrunner's Fun Run (Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park, 9 a.m.), the first ever Gay Golden Gloves boxing tournament (Precita Valley Boxing Club, 7:30 p.m.), a women's softball tournament (Saturday and Sunday, Lang/Moscone fields), and martial arts, wrestling and exhibition table tennis (Eureka Valley Recreation Center, starting at 1 p.m.).

A traditional Parade weekend event, the Arcadia Bodybuilding Society's Physique '93 moves to Saturday, May 29, as a part of TSF's Sports Festival. Preliminaries for the bodybuilding competition begin at 10:30 a.m., with finals scheduled for 7 p.m. The flexing takes place in Carol Channing Theater at Lowell High School. For more information, call (415) 992-7406.

For those with the urge to test their endurance, the Bay Area Distance Runners are back with the successful BADR HALF, a halfmarathon (13-mile) run on Sunday, May 30. The event starts and finishes at Olive Oyls (Pier 51, China Basin), with walkers slated to take off at 7 a.m. and runners following at 7:30 a.m. For addi-

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tional information, contact (415) 626-1380.

#### Northwest Confab

San Francisco is the place for gay and lesbian athletes to be for Memorial Day weekend, but Seattle takes over for the July 4 weekend. Their annual Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sport Festival will take place July 3-5 and will include competition in bicycling, billiards, croquet, flag football, golf, physique, women's soccer, men's and women's softball, swimming, tennis, track and men's and women's softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and water polo. Seattle is expecting 1500 athletes from all across the country and is welcoming all those interested in participating. For more information about entry forms, housing, or detailed sports information, contact Team Seattle at (206) 634-1843.

#### Pool

# Four Survive All-Star Clash

A full field of the league's finest filed into the Cinch last Saturday morning, May 22, all hoping to claim the SF Pool Association's most coveted crown — the All-Star Championship. They were the league's top-rated players based on a full season of team play, and every match would showcase their finely honed skills.

Thayer McDougle provided Thayer McDougle provided the contest's first shocker. Seeded last, he shot down top-seeded Terry Ward in the first round, 3-1. Rick Mariani, seed-ed No. 9, was his next victim, by the same score. At 36-14, Wally Sutherland was the league's top-game winner and the No. 5 seed. His match with McDougle went to 2-2 before McDougle's three-ball run-out earned him a spot in the final

Rick Bradford, the No. 2 seed, led the league for most of the season but was also upset in the first round by No. 15 seed, John Schou, 3-0. Schou got only as far as the second round before falling to No. 7 seed, Luby Pelletier, 3-2.

Now at that point, the highest undefeated seed remaining was No. 3 Lauren Ward. She had survived a close 3-2 match vs. David Ranch and had to win three in a row to topple No. 6, Bernard Bayaca, 3-2. She finally hit her stride with a strongly played match vs. Luby Pelletier that included a table run from the break. That win sent her to the win-That win sent her to the win-ners bracket final vs. Mc-

The losers bracket would send two to the final four, and Bayaca vs. Pelletier would determine one of those. Bayaca

prevailed, 3-1, and advanced to the loser's bracket semifinal. The Sanctuary hosted some

overflow matches; the last of these was Sutherland vs. E.Z. these was Sutherland vs. E.Z. Wally managed a comeback rally after a 2-1 start and eliminated the league's top title holder, 3-2. Sutherland would settle for fourth place following his next match vs. Bayaca, who would advance to the losers bracket final to face McDougle.

Bayaca had scored consecutive 3-1 wins in the losers bracket and made it three in a row vs. McDougle to earn a rematch with Ward. However, Ward eventually claimed the crown with three strong runouts, undefeated in match play.

All four finalists earned seeding in July's West Coast Challenge Individual's Tournament, hosted this season by San Diego. Dial JOE-POOL for SFPA information. ▼



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Multi-ethnic GF, 22, 5'7', 160, seeks similar for companionship. Interests: Lit., dance, revolution, erotic indulgence.EXT 6275.

#### MEN

Your hungry mouth & talented tongue wanted for my big/thick/cut dick & nice asshole; me: Attrac GWM, 40yo, 5'9', 150lbs, HIVneg; you: In shape any age/race, hot & HIVneg. EXT 6368.

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Cute , passive, GLM, 27yo, 5'11', 160lbs, seeks top/dominate GM, any race/age not important for weekend fuck. EXT 6369.

Hot musclebound GBM BB looking for hot musclebound Italian or GWM for great safe sex, Musclemen only. EXT 6370.

Hirsute, cut, GWM, HIVneg, 40's wants clean conservative master to grovel to be his dog. Smart men to 60. EXT 6371.

North Bay WM, 35, in shape, HIVneg, masculine, sober, sports minded wants honest, fun, caring relationship. EXT 6372.

Italian stud, 24 seeks jocks for oral servicing. Must be under 33, discreet, clean shaven, cocky. EXT 6373.

Asian, cute, 23yo, slender, bottom seeks 100 • top GWM/GLM. Handsome, under 35 knows how to use his big tool. EXT 6374.

Hip 21yo GWM sks extremely sexy and gdlkg boys 18-30 for sex. Me: 6', 160lbs, grn/brn and very cute. You: Hot, hot, hot! Let's do it. EXT 6375.

Hip Latin male, 31, 160, gdlkg, fun, good shape, healthy Hivpos sks healthy men with big dicks for hot evening fuck sessions. Mutual satisfaction a must. EXT 6376.

Pumped Biceps and hung seeks same also likes hiking and the outdoors

3 way, trim glkg couples wanted by gdlkg Asia/Latin, 36, chiseled, muscular very smooth body, versatile, fun. EXT 6378.

Victim of violence lkg for others who have been thru this not-so-nice experience. EXT 6379.

Filipino single M 27yo, N/S, N/D, HIVneg seeks WM, 27-40 w/ same traits who's caring for a relationship. EXT 6380.

Asian/Filipino sought by vintage Italian male for friendship/travel companion and more. San Jose-SF. EXT 6381.

Hung Latin Master 55, 5'11', 180lbs sks very sub. ckskr for frdship, HIV neg, San Jose area only. Your Place. EXT 6382.

Yng WM 8', Thick, cut, great ass, HIVneg, gym body, seeks ver WM/LM w/good bld, hung for hot fuck, suck session. EXT6383.

Hot masc leather clone BM sks tight Wht to pound reg. Moustache a must. EXT 6384.

Gdlkng WM 48 sks Masc top who enjoys hot tongue bath. Ltn/Blk Most pref. EXT 6385.

New in Antioch. GWM. 39, 5'6', 160 looking for friends plus, 25-40, cowboys a plus cuz I'm one. EXT 6387.

Sadist sks masochist for perm relationship. Give your body and mind to me. Serious only! Me: 44, 6'4', 250. You: 20-35. EXT 6388.

Are you B lk, hung, short, stocky, BB type who likes 3 ways? We like to have you between us. We are cln cut mid 30's and 40's goodlkng prof. Call us for safe sex. EXT 6389.

Wanted: Physically and mentally passive bottom who is prepared for total submission by goodlooking sadistic top GWM into bondage, tits, handcuffs, hot wax, blindfolds, collar and leash, pain, mansex. Safe, sane and discreet. Can be into cuddling, weightiffing and homelife if with the right person. HIVpos but healthy. Short and thin a plus. Novices welcome. EXT 6390.

Musc Italian, ch 47, w31, 126, hairy, hung wants gym partner and bubble butt fuck buddy. Race unimportant, masculine att a must. EXT 6391.

Upper class only please. Briton entertains classy married man. Very private, very sensual, EXT 6392.

Come grow in love. GWM Dad seeks GBM in 30's who can be loving, caring and sensitive. East Bay a plus. EXT 6393.

GWM looking for friend to do movies, beach etc. Me: in shape, goodlooking, healthy HIVpos, dominate sexually. You Goodlooking, short, thin is a plus. non-smoker. EXT 6394.

Do as you're told! My cock, your mouth. Maybe I'll bring a pal. 43, 6'1'. I'll bring a pal. EXT 6401.

Hot , Wht, 29yo sks yng Asians, Japanese, Chinese hot dudes for fun. I'm 5'9', 170, 34w, 8'cut. If you want head/ass worship call now! EXT 6396.

GWM, 34yo, 6'3', 270lbs, Brn/Bl, John Goodman type. Lkng for GM between 28-38 yo, glkg in shape who love big men. I lkng for love. EXT 6397.

Blacks or Latinos who want head. Masc GWM, mid 40's wants to give that service. Open to other things. EXT

No talk, just action! My cock, your mouth. Weekend partying. 43, 6'1', 165. Invite a pal. EXT 6402.

GAM, attr, appr/brain, versative/ bttm, educated. Seek friends of study, gym or more. All races. Try you won't regret. EXT 6411.

GWM, 32 wnts to meet Asian bottoms for hot action. I'm top, 5'9', 140lbs slim. Be ready for long hot sessions, be 20-35yo. Quick call back. EXT 6399.

Ritualistic midnite cock worship. J/O, dirty talk only. Chanting, substance use. Age, looks, size unimportant. One on one. My place - Oakland. EXT 6400.

Very oral guy to meet similar for weekend partying with like mind pals. 43, 6'1', 165. EXT 6403.

Hungry gdlkg GAM wants massage . Musc. or gdlkg tops. If u sk hot sex and gentleman in life, hdwk, HIVneg, ND, it's me. EXT 6412.

Latin, 45, average looking, 5'5', 200lbs, thinning hair, smoker, w/ very hot horny butt that is always ready for steamy rear action. Have you ever thought of having a fuck buddy for frequent hot rear action whenever you are horny? If your 40-55 and would enjoy pounding a hot safe ass on a regular basis. South Bay area. EXT 6404.

GAM 26, 5'10', 155, prof., nice, looking for sincere, honest, friendly guys for friends. EXT 6407.

Handsome GAM, 26, 5'10', 160lbs, muscular seeks goodlooking GWM, 21 to 33 for relationship. HIVneg, in good shape. EXT 6406.

Top with small penis, any race or age, wanted to fuck this slender 40yo Italian. EXT 6408.

Attr. GAM, 35yo, 6'2', 198lbs, prof, bttm, both mature and decent, HIVneg, fit, ND/STD/old, all races, your place. Rush. EXT 6409.

Let's rub boners. I want to stick my dick inside your shorts. Let's bounce and squeeze our dongs together from balls to swollen bulbs. I'm 40yo, 5'9', 145lbs, clnshvn, bald w/ furry chest, gdlkg, affectionate. EXT6413.

Top slim attractive 26yo GLM seeks GWM couples, 24-35yo for 3-ways. No fat, fem or drugs. EXT 6424.

If you are muscular, hung, under 40 plus, need total oral service and tight ass on weekends from extrahandsome SWM, 30's, call for great results. EXT 6425.

Wanted: Horny, hung fuckbuddy, top, any race, 30-50 for WM, 37, 6'2', 220. HIV neg a must intelligence A plus. EXT 6426.

GWM, 37, 5'10', 135lbs, Sraight acting, workout 3X wk seeks GWM 30-40, BB for friendship fun times and 7 EXT 6428.

Tennis freak needs B level partners. Will give G/P, F/A service in exchange . Me: GWM, GT shape, 53yo, 5'7', 150. EXT 6430.

I love big, massive guys. (Bears, BB a plus). I'm 33yo, tall, slim, full beard, uncut 9', vers and ready for your game. Call me for a hot time. EXT 6449.

Itln ex-football jock seeks expert oral servicing on reg basis. Castro location All replies considered. EXT 6451.

Smooth bubble butt needed for playful plowing. 2 goodlooking, in shape hot guys need a similar cooperative GWM 20-30yo. Mutual satifaction a must. EXT 6452.

Macho flattop blonde w/ police shield tattoes 5'9', 145lbs, Handlebar stache into uniforms, leather, uninhibited safe sex. HIV neg top or bottom. Looking for similar studs any age, No speeders please EXT 6453.

Masc, trim Asian, 45, 5'9', seeks clnshvn, gym toned, smooth, slender or musc WM for casual or intense ritrishp. Enjoy diverse physical and social activities and safe sex. EXT 6454.

Tie you up, ride your butt, pump your face. Glkg musc Latin/Hawaiian BB makes attr guys cum helplessly!EXT 6456.

GBM, 31 seeks workout partner and friend Just joined World's Gym in Burlingame. You: experienced or beginner like me. Let's be workout buddies. EXT 6457.

Crazy for blondes! I'm young, Br/Gr, 5'11', 165lbs, hairy, well hung, beard stache and open to any fantasy (2 or more, Leather, TT, Greek ok).EX' 6450.

Nasty stud skinhead, 28 top dude into punks and military guys under 25 with big dicks who are submissive and like to party into groups. EXT 6458.

Lucha libre! Tough, hairy gringo villian wants hairy macho latin luchadors into no holds barred ring bouts in boots, trunks, masks! EXT 6459.

GWM 38 hairy, husky, balding with handlebar mustache seeks guy 20-30 with attractuve boyish looks for a possible relationship.EXT 6460.

I'm Ikng for daytime separtners(leather, assplay a plus). I'm versatile, 37yo, tall, slim. hairy, with great buns and a big cock. Try me! EXT 6461.

2 hot studs sk vanilla fun with hot horny GWM to 35yo. You be: Gdlkg, gym toned, cleancut, flexible, attitude/ action.EXT 6462.

Hot Itln cumfreak and asseater sks heavy loaded, horny men for reg sessions. Serious. Call for description. EXT 6463

Does your 'huge' thk cock need a perfect fit? Hndsm GLM vers, 5'9';150, 33, dark hair, mous, smooth tight body. 7 uc, exchit cksking mouth and hot tight ass for plowing. Try them both and decide. Serious only. 3 ways, groups and models encouraged. EXT 6464.

Jockstraps, leather, levis, cop gear, felatio, analingus, safe penetration, multiple orgasms, short hair, moustaches, foreskins, red hair, maturity. Combinatiino 1 any or all the above desired. 145, 37, BI/BL, 5'8', 6'dick, vacuum mouth and ass. EXT 6465.

S Bay mature BiWM, sex(y) buddies any age/color/dicksize for safe tough, hug, kiss, suck, lick, mass. Be HIV neg, N/S, N/D, cln shaven, discreet. EXT 6466.

Is there a black man out there, bearded, hunky who likes to suck a longhaired guys goodsized dick? EXT 6467.

This GLM, 43yo, 5'9', 150lbs, hndsm seeks beefy top GWM, masc, hung. Looking for good sex and possible relationship. EXT 6468.

Gdlkng GWM, 45, HIVneg sks masc BB top, 21-35 for fun and poss relationship, no drugs. EXT 6469.

Gdlkng masc WM, 33, wants to meet WM under 40 with deep voice, strong hands and great smile for relationship, Nonsmokers/HIVneg. EXT 6470.



Lkng for GWM/GLM, 25-35 with long hot cocks who like to deep throat my hot throat. I'll drain your nut. No fats over 220lbs. EXT 6415.

18yo GWM seeks GWM 18-30 for relationship. ND, lite smoking ok. Financially independent a must. Date first, them maybe a LTR. EXT 6416.

GLM, 5'4', 135lbs, 36yo, bttm, very horny sks GWM for fun. Tops. EXT 6417.

Foreskin lover sks trim/thin LM/WM. Your skin is loose or tight, clean or funky. I'm WM, 50plus, masc, sexy. EXT 6418.

All I want is a yng hot stud for descreet sex. I'm 22, you are 18 or 19. I'm Bi and would like a first timer. Please call me. Great sex for two. EXT 6420.

Rim expert wants firm, trim men to spread cheeks in my face! Hairy or smooth. I'm WM, 53, trim beard, rim seat. EXT 6419.

I'm 40's, br hair/eyes, 5'8', 210. fun lovin', neat, HIVneg, Down to earth guy looking for some. Open minded, would like to seet same 20-40 GW/GL/GM. EXT 6422.

GWM, 46, 5'9', Br/BI, HIV neg, non smkr, non drnkr. Mouth waters for hot cock, tits, asshole, Needs GW or GLM looking for same. You:30-45, HIV neg, in descent shape, possible relationship. Must enjoy snuggly evenings at home and going to parks on sunny days. EXT 6423.

Mature, very masc, dominate WM, 6', 210, facial/bodyhair, balding seeks submissive boy, 21 plus, any race. HIV neg. EXT 6435.

BGM, 27, 185lbs, talented cocksucker for hunky hot Latinos only. Want good oral service? Call me. EXT 6436. Gay/Bi couples: I want to watch and /or participate1 I'm WM, 30 attractive, slim healthy. EXT6437.

Sexy bearded 40yo WM cocksucker seeks masc attractive S.F, in shape WM, 35-45, 7'plus, for long slow suck sessions. EXT 6439.

Marin/Sonoma Countyl Slim, smooth, cut guy, 18-30 wanted. I'm 30 and all of the above. EXT 6441.

Feminine Black man, any age who likes to wear lingerie and play with a GWM, 46, call: EXT 6444.

Cut WM seeks u/c guys. H/W/B,for erotic play. EXT 6445.

We like tattoes and genital or nipple piercings. If you are 20-35 GWM in good shape, goodlooking and horny, call a hot blonde couple in mid 30's. Sincere please. EXT 6446.

Chinese M 28 novice btm, shy discreet not into gay scene, looking for masc straight or Bi Male Asians for friends or more. Discreet a plus. EXT 6447.

Sadistic but sane wrestler wants same into no holds barred mat fights. strong, muscular, hairy leatherman seeks brutal punishing bouts. EXT 6448.

I'm young, hung, slim, vers, hairy, beard, 'stache and I'm kng for real men into hot sex. Call me! EXT 6386. https://doi.org/10.1001/j.cxt.0001/j.ext.0001

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Ass massage, lite spank. Me: attr GWM 43, 280lbs. You: attrac, GWM, 21-35 with nice buns, Call now! EXT 6471.

Hung Black Eastbay top, 40yo seeks BB btms for hot quickies. Experienced serious btms only please. EXT 6472.

Professionals - 3pc suited execs under 35. Service at your desk by diligent worker. EXT6473.

Foot and cock service for sexy sandled greying men 35 plus by 24yo attr BL/BL. EXT 6474.

I'm 6'6', 180, 24yo. My friend is 5'8', 135 and 36yo. We're looking for horny boys 18-30 for private white briefs J0 party. EXT 6475.

Wanted: Blue collar fuck buddy. Me: GBM, 45, 200, HINVneg. EXT 6476.

unny serious, hairy Libra wants you if ou're funny and like systic Common and like systems and like system you're funny and like sushi, Star Trek and Jazz, sex and LTR. EXT 6478.

21 yo college jock, 6'3', 200lbs, great body wants to meet hot young men for fun. EXT 6479.

Mature submissive Whippet sks Rottweiler, any age/condition for canine carousing. Bone to chew? GRR... EXT 6480

Slave wanted. GWM totally submissive, smooth body to satisfy this master. No drugs. EXT6481.

Wanted: Long thick u/c dick any age/race for weekend partying by 6'3', 42yo GWM. EXT 6482.

Confucius said he who kisses ass gets shit on. He just didn't realize how much fun it can be. EXT 6483.

I love a guy who is honest, a good sense of humor and a passion for life. All interested reply. EXT 6484.

GWM, 5'11', 170lbs, lt 40's, Br/ Gr healthy HIVpos. Affectionate and always horny. Like qt getaways, good food, hm life, trvl and an occassional dirty movie. Open to suggestion. Sex buddy, LTR, etc. EXT 6485.

Very attractive Puerto Rican top looking for white bottoms. Must be between 28-40 and attractive. EXT 6486.

GWM 25, 170lbs, straight acting, wants a real man 20-30. Good looks, no fairies. Slim punker types preferred. no fairies. EXT 6487.

Hot bodyl GAM, 28, 5'10', hands into BB seeks guy who is approximately the same. Friends/more. EXT 6488

Beefy, masc, musc WM with musc legs, big musc bubble butt sks beefy, musc, masc guy. Tongue fuck my butt. EXT 6489.

: White, masc, in shape, under 35, ks, gets fucked. Me: Hispanic, 30yo od shape. 7'. Uncut, masc. EXT

Would like to meet an open minded fun caring person that sex is not everything but part of life for time together. Pos findshp or ritnsp. I'm 40's Br/Br, 220, HIVneg, a neat person. EXT 6492.

Dildo buddy wanted by Blk top for hot suck, fuck and dildo play. EXT 6493.

ot, hung, horny, Hispanic; handsome ealthy, hairless, humorous, high on hilarity, heart-y, hip. Hunting for hot hung, happy, humouous, healthy HIV, hip husband for happy honeymooning. EXT 6540. Already have a great LTR, what I want is passionate, sensual S. long term fuck buddy. Me: GVM, 35, prof, bearded, chubby daddy, 5'11', 250bs, HIVneg-You: GAM/GLM under 5'8', slender, swimmer or gymnast type a plus. Look young, act old. Already in LTR a plus. NS/ND/HIVneg, descreet. EXT 6497.

Sling hairy ass available for training and stretching with dildos toys. Men with sling would be preferable. EXT 6498.

Spank my ass, finger my butthole. Me: attr GWM 40yo, 5'9', 150, HIVneg. You: Dominant and sensitive, attr and HIVneg. EXT6499.

I am Ikng to be shaved . Yes, I want a nice GBM yngr that myself to shave my whole naked body and I wanted one on regular basis. Okay EXT 6500.

WG bttm wants to svc your 7plus meat. We are attr, in good shape horny. You be 21-35. I am 31 and readyl EXT 9502.

BM, 35yo, 6' 1 ', gdlkg, wants BM, 18-45. I can take 10' of manhood. No gag. I guarantee you'll be amazed. Deep throat. EXT 6503.

Masculine, muscular Latin, hairy hung big head looking to power fuck muscular bubble butt. EXT 6495.

This 50yo GWM HIVneg extremely horny lkng for Black male to suck my 7' cock, suck my balls. Lite to hard spanking's FF me then slowly fuck my tight little ass slow. 8' plus. My place in Marin Co. EXT 6496.

plus. EXT 6510.

Partying horny late night butch 25yo, 5'9', 140lb, Br/Br bottom uninhibited any scene or party vein. EXT 6508.

Very attr GAM, 33, 5'9', 160, prof, educated, warm-hearted affectionate, nice body, San Jose, HIVneg sks lover 35-55 please. EXT 6511.

WM, 6', 195, hry, 46'c, brn/grn, vers, Gr/Fr seeks vers WM, hung, hairy, sincere, fun, loving, 30-45, wanting a relationship. EXT 6512.

GWM 53yo, in shape, 5'7', 150, smooth, stache, perfect bottom to your in shape top Fr/a, Gr/p, tit play etc EXT 6513.

HIVpos and hity seeks others in same age group for kinky sex. EXT 6514.

WM 32 yo, 5'10', 170lbs, BB, W C47, A16, T26, BL/BL wnts svc for u/c meat- pipe. Take it. EXT 6515.

SWM early 30's seeks straight sounding, HIVneg, same/younger for biking, hiking, travel, laughter. No fats, fems or dungeon master. EXT 6509.

Intelligent attracative, fun-loving GAM seeks same for friendship, hanging out maybe more. EXT 6521.

GLM, very handsome, 5'10', 160, Extremely attractive, athletic, 25, Friendship sought with thin smth guy, hung, bttm/vers, healthy HIVpos seeks Irlsh/Mexican wants handsome hot men for uninhibited fuck/sucking. muscular cowboy to teach me two-You should be attractive, hung, Top, steppin'. Let's get together and have 65'2', slender, cln cut, quiet. EXT fun. No vanilla please. Slightly wild a some funI EXT 6522.

#### AD OF THE WEEK

Hot, hung, horny, Hispanic: handsome, healthy, hairless, humorous, hip, high on hilarity, heart-y. Hunting for hot, hung, humorous, healthy HIV, hip husband for happy honeymooning. EXT 6540

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You don't have to be hndsm w/ gymbody, just clean fun and hot for oral action, nipple work, videos w/ GWM, 40's, blond, 5'9', 158lbs, HIVpos, smkr. Call EXT 6523.

Muscleman bottom 30's seeks hung, shape, butch tops for sex. Mushrochead a plus. EXT 6524.

Hispanic seeking friendship and possible relationship . Blonds a plus. I'm 28, 5'11', 180lbs, looking for similar age and body shape. EXT 6525.

If you enjoy laying on the bed and getting a great blow job then call me and you will get sucked dry. EXT 6526.

FFB, gym toned, 41, 5'11', 165, hair w/ 7' sks FFT any age or r EXT 6527.

Bad boy, 56 wants serious relation with daddy over 60 to discipline love me. I do as I'm told! EXT 6528.

49 yo GWM, 9'cock wants 2 hot white bottoms for hot 3 way. Love to fuck your hot holes. EXT 6529.

GAM, handsome, sweet with a nice trim body. 28yo, 5'10', 152lbs sks similar GWM for body/soul connections. EXT 6530.

Young Asian fuckbuddy sought by 34yo GWM, 6'2', 230lbs, gdlkng coach /teacher. Top seeks bottom. EXT 6531.

Any new longhairs want to exchange cocksucking with an original? Fun, enthusiasm, playful a plus. EXT 6532.

I worship long feet, size 16 plus wanted to lick. GWM serves you. Tall Blacks esp welcome. Jungle fever. EXT 6534.

E Bay hot, horny, 43yo, 5'10', 180lbs, moustache. You: 29-35 any race, non-smoker, pot ok. Let's do it. EXT 6535.

East Bay, HIVpos only, have over 8' for daytime bottom. You short and stocky with big butt. Get my rod 'pig with big butt out'.EXT 6537.

GWM 30's, 5'11', 178lbs, cut handsome, hirsute, Brn/Brn, stach, HIVneg wants mutual reg masturbation sessions with similar. EXT 6538.

#### **PICK UP YOUR MESSAGES** IT'S FREE CALL (415) 296-0364 BARTALK PERSONALS

GWM, 34, 5'3', 128, Grey/Brown, Blue, moustache, body hair seeks GWM 30-45 masc top for frdsip, hot sex and poss ritnshp. I like to get fucked.Prefer someone hairy and hung, non-smoker and fun personality. EXT 6539.

TS/Hermaphrodite/He-She sincerely desired by WM, 30, masculine, slim desired by WM, 30, and horny. EXT 6429.

I want you to sit on my face so I can tongue fuck your big hairy bubble butt. You: well built, WM, 20-30, hairy. Me. Hot, hung big, well built, hungry tongue. EXT 6545.

I 40's, HIVneg, Br/Br, 210, want to meet 25-40 who can look/be young.Likes doing things together and for eachother. finish the day in eachothers arm's. EXT 6546.

Hot handsome, healthy, hungry, 34yr blonde btm needs gdlkg, in shape, healthy, well hung stud, 23-37 for mutual pleasure. EXT 6547.

Are you a do as you're told: cock/body slave; daddy's boy; little brother; eager to please; very oral and very horny; hot to trot masc type? Wknd parties w/my other 'boys'. I'm 43, 6', 165. EXT 654.8 6548.

Very athletic legs for blacks with stamina or talented cocksucker of any race. EXT 6549.

GWM, 38. I'm hairy, husky, balding with handlebar mustache seeking guy 20-30 with attractive boyish look for possible relationship. EXT 6550.

GWM, 45, 150lbs, educated, finacially secure looking for GAM 20-30 for passionate times. Relationship possible. Good sense of humor a plus. EXT 6551.

S/E Bay sexbuddy is neat, cln shav, HIVneg. M to join for oral safe fun and mutual play. Me: BiWM, older, bald,caring, 5'10', 160, HIVneg. EXT 6552.

Psychic? Paranormal experience? Esoteric, exotic , spiritual persuit? Me too: Let's talk, Blessed be. EXT 6553.

No. Bay GWM, HIVneg, 40, 54, 190lbs sks FN quiet eves, cuddling, enjoys ocean and nature 18yo and up men apply. NS, me: Dk, ger, hairy chest, hor and sin. EXT 6554.

Musc, 35, stable, sincere seeks musc guy with huge nipples that protrude to date on a reg basis. Pls only serious replies. EXT 6555.

#### TRANVESTITE

Hndsme, sexy, straight WM, good body and mind sks transexual for friendship and sensual delights. EXT 6317.

E. Bay GWM sks TV for J/O, dirty talk, mutual cock/ball worship. Age, looks, size not important. Late nite, my place only. Drink, smoke, party a must. love of cock more important than butch/femme. EXT 6395.

Large TV, TS or F type M with smooth shaved body sought by tall WM. Have quiet Apt. EXT 6427.

# Summer Lovin' -900-844-2227 PER MINUTE. MUST BE AT LEAST YEARS OLD.

Bowed legs of a top man turn me on. Arab Gdlkg, gr eyes sks master to serve. EXT 6504.

Hot healthy horny oral 31yo bttm wants 21-37 man of color who is attr toned, hung big. You will be gladl EXT 64.94

Clean cut, attr Marin contractor, br/b,, 36, 5'7', hung ,Italian, swimmers build, HIVneg, tan into water sking, yachts, fast cars, seeks beefy boys/men to 35 for hot times etc. Poss relationship. EXT 6505.

Bi WM married, 44, 5'11', 170lbs, attr cln shaven, sllm body with a curious tight butt never used seeks a well hung older top, late 50's early 60's to break me in. Condom a must. I do enjoy compatable oral sex and romantic times. Interested only in LTR. No one nighters. S.F. or East Bay only. EXT 6507.

FFB only. Likes it deep or wide Massage my butt from the inside. Make it big and sloppy. I'm 6', 180lbs, 53yo. EXT 6516.

I don't talk sex I do it. Good lkng 35yo latino in shape. You: GWM, 30's sam qualities into show off trips. EXT 6517. Beefy, musc, masc, 37yo, WM sks BM/LM with same build to suck my nipples, play with my rock hard bubble butt. EXT 6518.

Attr Asian top, 40yo enjoy yng btm w/hungry mouth and ass. Let's have plain, safe, hard fuck on reg basis. EXT 6519.

18 yo GWM seeks GWM 18 to 30 for rlshp. ND, lite smoke ok. Date first then maybe a LTR. Financially independent a must. EXT 6520.

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#### FRIDAY 28

One of These Days II
The Lost Episode
The gay sons of the
Honeymooners clash with
their snippy landlord, their
lesbian neighbor and her "in
the Army" ex-lover. \$10.
8pm. Thru May 30. Josie's,
16th & Market. 861-7933.

Temple Rites
A young man's personal dilemma set in a neighborhood rec center amid LA gang wars, drugs and racism. \$10-12. 8pm. Sun. at 3pm. Thru June 27. Center for African American Art and Culture, 762 Fulton St. (btwn. Webster and Laguna). 563-3519.

Why We Have a Body
Claire Chafee's contemporary comedy about gender roles, including a dyke detective and her odd relationship with a woman who thinks she's Joan of Arc when she's not robbing 7-Eleven stores. \$12-21.
8:30pm, Sun. 2pm & 7:30pm. Thru June 20.
Magic's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D, third floor. 441-8822.



People Are Living There
South African writer Athol
Fugard's funny and poignant
study of three boarding
house residents planning a
birthday party. \$7-10. 8pm
(pay what you can on
Sundays at 2pm). Thru May
30. Central YMCA, 220
Golden Gate Ave. 885-0460.

So...You Wanna Be a Stripper? The trials and tribulations of lap dancing are humorously dramatized in Linda Serbu's show. \$7-10. 9pm (also 11pm on Fri.). Thru June 5. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina. 255-8510.

Play Dead Five one-act plays about death and show biz by Daniel Curzon, Ellen George, Gavin Impett, Paul Mendoza. \$5. 8pm. Thru May 29. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice St. (near the Eagle). 759-7720.

Forever Plaid
Corny musical story of a
dead guy group making their
living dreams come true.
George Bush loved this show
so much, he saw it three
times. \$26-35. 8pm. Sun. at
2 & 7pm. Alcazar Theatre,
650 Geary St. 922-6800.

Hurricane
Anne Galijour's multicharacter solo performance
work about a small Cajun
community. \$12-14. 8pm.
Thru June 27. Climate
Theatre, 252 9th. 626-9196.

The Roof's On Fire Ellen Gavin's play based on real life experiences as a female fire fighter, her friends at a restaurant owned by African American women, and the combustibly racist, sexist environment. \$10-13. 8:30pm. Thru Sun. Teatro Mission, 2868 Mission St. 821-1155.

The Stranger
Mel Clay's stage adaptation
of Albert Camus' existentialist classic. \$10. 9pm.
Also Sat. Open-ended run.
Marilyn Monroe Memorial
Theater, 96 Lafayette St.
552-3034.

Gay Comedy Tom Ammiano & Karen Ripley perform together. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Beyond Therapy Christopher Durang's quirky farce about shrinks, lovelorn bisexuals, and nut job therapists moves to a new location. \$20. 8pm. Hotel York's Plush Room, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

Pansy Division
Queer rockin' tunes from the
makers of Bill & Ted's
Homosexual Adventure.
Brave New World, 1751
Fulton, 441-1751.

Frank Garvey
Exhibit of surreal paintings, photos and kinetic sculpture. Opening reception, 7-10pm. Thru 6/23. Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes St. 626-1936.



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Reflections of Polynesia Dances of the Pacific, including Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and Tonga. \$9-12. 8pm. Also Sat. at 2 & 8pm. Hoffmann Theatre, Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. (510) 943-SHOW.

Film Noir Festival
Creepy collection of dark and
dark thrillers and B movies,
including Detour, Kid Glove
Killer, Born to Kill, Kiss Me
Deadly, A Kiss Before Dying
and many more. Thru June
10. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th
St. 431-3611.

Marin Grecian Festival Live bouzouki music, Minoan dancers, pastries, food and Greek culturel Thru Sun. Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church Complex, 1110 Dickson Dr., Novato. \$3, 883-1998.

#### **SATURDAY 29**

Frankie and Johnny in the Claire de Lune Citadel Theatre Company's production of Terrance McNalley's touchingly funny play, with a supporting gay character. \$12. 8pm. Thru 6/13. Bannam Place Theatre, 50-B Bannam Place, North Beach. 921-1785.

Laughing Wild Christopher Durang's wild urban comedy about Catholics, AIDS, crystals and a supermarket fight over a tuna can. \$8-12. 8:30pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru May 23. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th at Mission. 861-5079.

Psycho Beach Party Local production of Charles Busch's wacky surf musical. \$5-15. 11:30pm weekends. Artfull Circle Theater, 47 Waller at Laguna. 558-8172.

Falsettos
William Finn's Tony-winning
operetta/musical about a
Jewish family, gay dad, and
his lover. A must-see. \$1750. 8pm. Mats. (Wed. &
Sat.) at 2pm and (Sun.) 3pm.
Curran Theatre, 445 Geary
St. (510) 762-BASS.

Gay Comedy Night Rack up the queer laughs with Doug Holsclaw, Scott Silverman and Hank Donat. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Private Lives
Noel Coward's wickedly
witty, dry-as-a-martini
comedy of manners. \$19-31.
8pm. Sun. at 2 & 7pm. Thru
June 27. Berkeley Repertory
Theatre, 2025 Addison,
Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean Drama about the reunion of the McCarthy, Texas "Disciples of James Dean," and how the star's presence in their small town drastically changed their lives, \$10-15. 8pm. Sun. at 4pm. Thru May 30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller at Laguna. 626-5455.

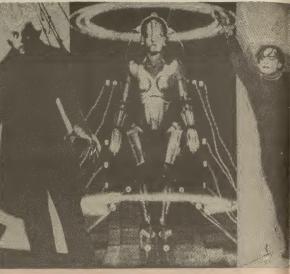
Pageant
Slickly produced yet hilarious
musical drag parody of
beauty contests. Featuring
Billy DeHerrera, Justin Bond
and others. \$29-34. Wed. &
Thu. at 8pm, Fri. & Sat. at 7
& 10pm, Sun. at 3 & 8pm.
Palace Theatre, Kensington
Park Hotel, 450 Post. 989SHOW.

After The Fall
Arthur Miller's semiautobiographical drama about
life with Marilyn amid a midlife crisis. \$14-16. 8pm Sun.
at 2pm. Extended thru 6/5.
Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter.
296-9179.

Waiting for Godot Samuel Beckett's great absurd play about waiting for the man upstairs, with comics Will Durst and Tim Wiggins \$12-24. 8pm. Thru May 30. Performance Works, 110 McAllister. 863-4130.

The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde's witty comedy of manners. \$10. Wed. 8pm, Sat. 4pm, Sun. 7pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St. 626-5455.

Top Girls
Caryl Churchill's modern
drama includes historical
women in a changing society
going through trials and
sacrifices. \$12.15. 8pm. Sun
at 7pm. Thru May 30.
Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St.
at Folsom. 621-4423.



Raising Hel: Silent classics never sounded so good, until the Club F Orchestra created provocative new scores to four of the scree greatest silent films: Metropolis, The Cabinet of Dr. Calig Nosferatu and Sherlock Jr. See Max Schreck out-creep Gary Oldin the Dracula role. See Hel, the sexy robot, and the images Mador stole for "Express Yourself." See Conrad Veigt sleep through trippiest nightmare flick ever. Each of these amazing films will accompanied by amusing short films, including the Dada Entre and Felix the Cat Woos Whoopee. \$6 each or festival pass for \$ May 28-31. The Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.



We can't remember an "official" holiday without a hundred Safev commercials reminding us to buy the specially demarcated meat the season (ham for Easter, turkey for Christmas, pork loins for Death of Jesse Helms Day). it's no small irony that Memorial I comes at the height of the gays in the military debacle. Join Matth Martin, Ann Drogynous, Acid Housewife and Tony George in a spec Salute to Gay Veterans, May 29 at Ziggurat in Russian River. \$11pm, Ziggurat, 16135 Main St., Guerneville. (707) 869-1400. Lof folk will be escaping the city for that ever-precious three-weekend, so it should be packed. To remember our soldiers and sail who have died, join the Alexander Hamilton American Legion Posta GLAAD/SF in a Memorial Requiem for the Unknown Lesbian-G Bisexual Soldiers. It's a remembrance, an affirmation and a som reminder of those who already gave their queer lives defending country. Sat. May 29 at noon. The War Memorial, Van Ness Fulton St. 861-4588. Lift the ban now!

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#### **SUNDAY 30**

Bake-Off
Oven fresh performance by
Knee Jerk Dance, Zeltman &
Colburn, Carrie Field &
Giulietta Octavio, LMNOP,
Miriam Kronberg and Katia
Noyes. \$5-15. 8pm. New
College, 777 Valencia ST.
261-4168. Noyes. College, 861-4168.

Go! Boy! Go!
Asian AIDS Project's naughty safe sex Rubber Club unleashes a wild go-go boy contest, with \$250 first place, plus prizes for contestants and audience. With Tom Ammiano. \$4. 9pm. 'N Touch, 1548 Polk St. 227-0946.

Film a Go Go
Benefit for Frameline, with
Queer videos (7-9pm), Pansy
Division (10pm) and eclectic
tunes spun by Downtown
Donna. Free popcorn, raffle,
prizes. \$4 and up. The
Clubhouse, 3160 16th St.
561-9771.

Stephen Savage New work by the comm-unity's best known male nude photographer. Opening reception 4-6pm. Thru 6/30. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Gregory O'Neill Embellished autobiographical exploits of a '90s call boy. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro St. 431-0891.

#### **MONDAY 31**

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Great Tricycle Race
22nd annual fundraiser, this
time for AIDS Emergency
Fund, with the theme "The
First Landing, Moon Rocks to
Madness." Starts at Civic
Center thru Polk/Tenderloin,
down Market thru Castro and
ending at Octavia/Hayes
Space Station, with booths,
booze, and entertainment.
10am-whenever. 255-9865.

Mini Pearl Necklace Trailer park covers of country girl classics, with Rodney O'Neal Austin, Eric Schultz and Christine Green. \$2. 9pm. Cafe Du. Nord, 2170 Market St. 861-5016.

Gay Comedy Open Mike MC Amy Boyd. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5.8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Gay Lesbian Sierrans Hike up to Audubon Canyon Ranch. Call 861-6591.

Art Group Show Colossal Pictures helped produce this mixed exhibit of unusual stuff. Thru 6/20. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St. at Florida. 863-4177.

#### TUESDAY 1

Timothy Liu & Peter Weltner Prose and poetry reading about gay Asian experiences, AIDS and family conflict. 8pm. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia. 626-ARTS.

Flor Garduno
Silver gelatin prints of
Guatemala and other
cultures. Also, Debra
Heimerdinger's cibachrome
photos of flowers and other
're-arrangements,' and
Tillman Crane's 'The Spirit of
Structure,' architectural
photos. Thru 7/15. Vision
Gallery, 1155 Mission. 6212107.

Wonsook Kim Linton New paintings. Thru 7/3. Allrich Gallery, 251 Post St. 398-8896.



#### WEDNESDAY 2

Clit Notes
The irrepressible Holly
Hughes performs a new onedyke show about bowling,
Red Lobster, Jesus freaks
and femmes. \$10. 8pm.
Thru 6/13. Josie's, 16th at
Market. 861-7933.

New World Dan Weber's multimedia piece about a Vietnamese refugee making a life for himself in San Francisco. \$10. 8pm. Sun at 2pm. Thru 6/26. Asian American Theatre Center, 403 Arguello Blvd. at Clement. 751-2600.

Queer Mysteries
David Cannon Dashiell's
exhibit of art placing the
Dionysian initiation ritual in a
contemporary gay and
lesbian context. Opening
reception 5:30-7:30pm. Thru
7/3. SF Art Institute,
Walter/McBean Gallery, 800
Chestnut. 771-7020.

Swarm Installation by Elliott Linwood that examines medical research metaphors between bee husbandry and HIV research. Thru 6/26. The Lab, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.

Public Hang' in Group exhibition of figurative, landscape and abstract works. Thru June 12. Aru Gallery, 736 14th St. 6 21-1551.

#### THURSDAY 3

Caligula Albert Camus' rarely produced drama about the mad emperor of Rome. \$12.50-14.50. 8pm. Sun. at 3 or 7pm. Thru 6/13. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida. 621-7797.

\$.99 Queer Video Festival Homemade dyke and gayboy stuff, \$.99. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at Albion. 621-1617.

The Solitary Twist Book party for author Elizabeth Pincus. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Intro to S/M
Beginner's info for men and
women, taught by sex
educator and counselors
Sybil Holiday and William
Henkin. \$20. 8-10pm. Good
Vibrations, 1210 Valencia.
974-8980.

Let's Find Out About Tools Cutting edge mixed media installation with a film about gender bias by Stephanie Cress, Josie Iselin & Kathryn Weinstein. Opening recep-tion, 5-8pm. Luggage Store, 1007 Market St. 255-5971.

Bernd & Hilla Becher Elegiac photos of industrial subjects and landscapes. Thru 7/2. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.



Earth Bones: Strange Rocks Exhibit of unusual shaped artists rocks from Chinese art. Thru Sept. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park \$2-5. 668-7855.

Teotihuacan
City of the Gods
Artifacts from Mexico's first
urban state, (150 BC to 750
AD) with sculptures, jewelry
and pre-Aztec treasures.
Thru Oct. M.H. de Young
Memorial Museum, Golden
Gate Park. 863-3330.

Visiones del Pueblo Folk art of Latin America, including dolls, statues and paintings. Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D. Laguna at Marina. 202-9706.

Douglas Hoffmann Paintings, lithographs and drawings in romantic figuratist style. Opening recep-tion, 6-8pm. Thru 6/27. Circle Gallery, 140 Maiden Lane. 989-2100.

Lift the Military Ban! Call the ACLU's telegram line to send the queer-positive message to senators and Congress. \$6.75. 1-800-879-2262.

G.L.O.E. will once again sponsor a cable car for the Lesbian/Gay Parade, Sunday, June 27. Seniors interested in joining, call 626-7000.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group For older gay men. 145 Guerrero (Francis of Assisi), Wed. June 2. Led by George Birimisa. 626-7000.

Lesbian & Gay Men Support Groups Ongoing separate groups meet Monday evenings, 7-9pm. \$15 per session. Eight-week commitment required. Sponsored by Spectrum. Lea: 457-1115.

Choosing Children Seminar Legal issues, adoption, pregnancy choices, and other topics. Tuesdays, June 15-July 27. 7-9pm. \$10 per evening. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market. 565-7674.

California Lawyers for the Arts Informal workshops on legal questions about starting a small arts business, publicity, distribution. \$15 per session. Wednesday evenings, 7pm, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. C, Room 255. 775-7200.

Cover Your Assets! Co-ownership of property workshop with Meriel Lindley and Kim Harmon, attorneys, who will discuss the legal aspects of same-sex couples sharing property. June 3, 8pm. \$3-10. Old Wives' Tales Books, 1009 Valencia. 821-4676.

Stop AIDS Project Couples Meeting Frank discussions about the impact of HIV on men in couples. 621-7177.

Women's Action Coalition Meets each Tuesday, 7:30pm. The Women's Bldg. 3543 18th St. (510) 869-2584.

Project Inform Town Meeting Overview of HIV disease, immune strategies and treatment. June 2, MCC, 150 Eureka St. 558-9051.

Project Open Hand Second Annual Food Drive June 2-9. Donate at any Cala Foods, or call 252-1931.

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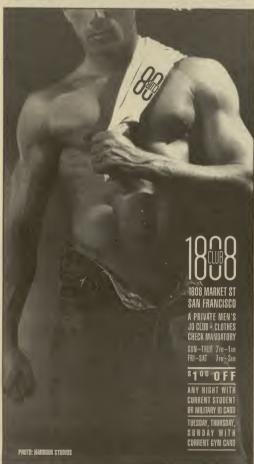
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# AREA REPORTER

Mr. Marcus

# Kings Go Forth

rom Annandale, Va., to Yuma, Ariz., thousands of leathermen and women from around the world are in Chicago even as you read this for the 15th Annual International Mr. Leather contest. Even the SF Giants and their remarkable outfield are here competing for honors in the Windy City.

There are 50 or more contestants signed up already, and almost a half a dozen are representing Australia, England, Germany, Canada and other foreign countries. The judges are in place, the party invitations have been mailed out, and Chicago's gay/lesbian community is ready for the invasion.

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out, and Chicago's gay/lesbian community is ready for the invasion.

The host Hotel Congress is completely sold out, and the overflow delegates are being directed to the nearby Blackstone. The Chicago Hellfire Club and the Mid-America Fists in Action (M.A.F.I.A.) have a string of parties planned for their friends. Jim Flint's newly reopened Redoubt Club, Mark Trelisky's AA Meat Market, Chuck Rodocker's Touche, Deek's, the new country/western Charlie's and the Manhandler will be joined by Chuck Renslow's newest effort, the Chicago Eagle out there at 5015 No. Clark Street, which opens tonight, Thursday, May 27—yeah, they got it ready to open just in time.

The Australian contingent from Melbourne breezed through San Francisco last week en route to Chicago, and for the first time since 1970 when Sydney's Patrick Brooke took the IML title, Melbourne's pride, Brent Lacey, will represent the Land Down Under. Not every IML contestant can boast having raised almost 1 million

IML contestant can boast hav-ing raised almost 1 million Australian dollars (that's



IML '92 Lenny Broberg (r.) will help the judges pick his successor this Sunday night, May 30 in Chicago. Here with Greg Byfield, Mr. San Francisco Leather, who will compete with some 50 contestants from around the world.

\$750,000 in American moola) with his Red Ribbon AIDS Awareness Project throughout Australia. Of course, Brent would not be so crass as to say he did it all alone. His leadership qualities inspired friends and strangers alike to help make his fundraising efforts a resounding success. The latest version of the Red Ribbon Project is the red ribbon festooned with the black, blue and white Leather Pride colors. It is stunning!

Leather Fride Colors at Stunning!

It was a nice turnout last Saturday night, May 22, for the IML Sendoff Party at the Eagle, which was produced by Mr. Watering Hole

Richard Faust and raised almost \$500 for the AIDS Emergency Fund with the beer/soda bust and the raffle. Paul Maionchi, Mr. Southbay Leather, won the 50/50 raffle and promptly donated .the money back.

Good luck to all the contestants from Northern California who will be competing in Chicago: Mr. Sacramento Leather John Yant, Mr. Alameda County Leather Mark McKee, Mr. South Bay Leather Paul Maionchi, Mr. Headquarters Leather Jeff Matthews and Mr. San Francisco Leather Greg Byfield. It's going to be a great time

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Northern California IML contestants this weekend (I to r): Paul Maionchi (Mr. Southbay Leather), Mark McKee (Mr. Alameda County Leather), John Yant (Mr. Sacramento Leather), Jeff Matthews (Mr. Headquarters Leather) and Greg Byfield (Mr. SF Leather). (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

#### Mr. Marcus

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for this 15th edition of IML.

for this 15th edition of IML, and if you can't make it, I'll bring you all the results next week (including photos) and, of course, the dish.

And while I'm on the subject, I'd like to publicly say a huge "Thank You" to Lenny Broberg for an outstanding year with the IML title. Lenny's year got off to a rocky start when only a few hours after winning the conrocky start when only a few hours after winning the contest, he broke his diet and just had to have an ice cream bar! So when he and a couple of friends found a convenience store, how could they know that minutes after they entered the place a hold-up would take place and the very butch Audrev Joseph would butch Audrey Joseph would have the audacity to try to run down the bandits!? It could have been the shortest IML reign ever!

What was worse, a local person with dubious leather person with dubious leather credentials challenged the integrity of the 1992 IML judges by charging Lenny's sponsors with bribing the judges with \$1000 each before the contest and another \$1000 if he won! Yeah right! \$14,000 in all. Get real! To make matters worse, that same person was cap-tured on video screaming in-vectives at the stage and flip-ping the bird to the three fi-nalists! Needless to say, that person has been conspicuously absent from San Francis-co's leather venues/events ever since, and quite frankly, we like it that way!

A few months later, while hordes of leathermen were here for the International Mr. Drummer contest, Lenny was ferrying around the new International Mr. Deaf Leather and had his truck totaled by an errant driver. And just last month, another misguided in-dividual broke into Lenny's storage space and stole his IML '92 sash! The reward of-fer still stands.

Through it all, Lenny man-



Frank Nowicki, Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather represents the Centaur MC of Washington, D.C. at IML in the 15th edition of the leather extravaganza



Brent Lacey of Melbourne, Australia represents The Laird and is the first Aussie to compete at IML since Patrick Brooke won the title in 1980.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

aged dazzling smiles in spite of the stumbling blocks, cursed a little but still maintained a hectic schedule of out-of-town appearances (45 in all), honored his commitments, and says he wouldn't trade the experience of his year for anything. Even coping with Joan Rivers on national TV wasn't a sterling experience, but what can you say when the male guest is prettier than the hostess of the show? Thanks Lenny for a great year.

the show? Thanks Lenny for a great year.

Like your counterpart, IMs.L Blair, you've earned a good, long rest, but I know you'll continue with your untiring efforts long after you vacate the IML title — just as you did before you won it. We couldn't have asked for more and you know every. we couldn't nave asked for more, and you know everyone appreciates your efforts. And Lenny, if you want to distribute any of your frequent flier miles to any one of us, we'll accept! Only kidding.

Wednesday night, every-body's favorite taco tycoon, Leticia Luna, hosted a cele-bration of the relocation of her landmark restaurant on Upper Market St. with noth-Upper Market St. with noth-ing but positive assessments of the decor and ambiance from all quarters. And what a turnout! Wouldn't it be nice if everyone was as charming as Leticia? You couldn't ask for a nicer person on your friend-shin list

a nicer person on your friendship list.

The first elected Mr. Drummer, Ray Perea, joined Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield and Mr. Laird's (bar) Leather of Melbourne, Australia, Brent Lacey, to judge the Mr. September '94 bare chest contest at the Eagle on Thursday, May 20. You can tell we're getting to the end of the year's competition — the contestants suddenly appear right out of the woodwork with a record eight vying for the post. the post.

the post.

It wasn't easy at all for the judges — it was almost 0100 when the decision was rendered and mucho macho male model Jef Kennedy took the honors with Gunter Klingberg the runner-up. I call Jef the MMM model because

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#### Mr. Marcus

cause his likeness graces several pages of the new Mister S Leathers catalog. Judging from the photos in the catalog and Jef's candid description of and jet's candind description of his sexual proclivities onstage last Thursday, macho is the only suitable word. They'll be picking Mr. October '94 next Thursday, June 3. Are you chesty enough?

By Friday, all the rodeo By Friday, all the rodeo mavens were in town for the four-day revelry of ridin', ropin', rompin' and rockin'. More parties, horse carriers parked all over town and even rapidly jingling spurs at Blow Buddies! The local rodeo group did a great job with the event and a good time was had by all.

Sunday, the Golden Gate Guards' beer/soda bust drew a resounding sell-out crowd, with much boozing, cruising and at least one corresponding secretary in the doghouse. But that's a whole other story!

Philip Turner takes command of the plank at The Bear this week on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1300 to 2000 until further notice. His "boy" remains chained until further notice.

The NLA in San Diego is having a poster contest for next year's Leatherfest (March 11-13, 1994) with a \$100 prize for the winning entry. If you want to enter and need the details, call (800) 598-1859 or write NLA/SD, P.O. Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92163.

#### Affairs to Remember

Weekend May 27-31: International Mr. Leather weekend in Chicago with a myriad of parties, events, the contest itself, Black & Blue Ball, AIDS Candlelight Vigil, International Boot Black Competition, Home Town Party and at least 25 tons of leather worn by men and women from around

petition, Home Town Party and at least 25 tons of leather worn by men and women from around the world. Hope to see you there. Friday, May 28: It's Memorial Day Weekend, and if you're not going to Chicago, how about San Diego? Wolf's and Pecs in that town begin their Yellow Hankie beer/soda busts this weekend by The Water Boys. Tonight, the first one takes place at Wolf's (3404 30th St.) from 2000-2300. Need more info? Call (619) 280-6314, Extension PISS. Saturday, May 29: The Shades Project beer/soda bust at the Lone Star Saloon today from 1500-1900 for only \$6. First of a series leading up to the big Shades Project show during Pride Week. Blank window shades for your entry will be available for only \$5.

Pegasus MOC weekend run to Mt. Lassen Natl. Volcanic Park leaves at 0800 today, returning on Monday, May 31, for \$120 (only \$90 for members) — riding the high country and other fun events. Call Jay at 861-2872, but hurry!

hurry!

If you're in Portland, it's the Portland Leatherwoman Contest at Darcelle XV Club, (503) 735-0429, with contestants from the tri-county area, \$5 advance/\$6 at the door. The event begins promptly at 2000 with entertainers from Portland and Seattle. Always a great production and the only city to produce IMs.L winners three consecutive years!

Gay Pride celebration in Palm Springs all day today and tomorrow with all sorts of funthings to do among the palms with all those desert foxes.

Sunday, May 30: Golden State Police Officers Assn. (aka, Pigs in Paradise) hosts the beer/soda bust at the Eagle today from 1500-1800. In the absence of If you're in Portland, it's the

a press release, I can only tell you it should be packed with lo-cal yokels and tourists galore. Obviously, PIP doesn't have a corresponding secretary or press

person.

Memorial Day, Monday,
May 31: Brad Cavalier wants
you all to attend the 22nd Annual
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Wednesday, June 2: Golden Gate Guards \$6 beer/soda bust at Headquarters Bar tonight from 2000-2300 to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, with a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

Thursday, June 3: Second Club Overlay night at Coming Home Hospice Bingo at Most Holy Redeemer Church. Buy in at 1800 for \$12; games begin at 1900 with suspense, intrigue and

Looking for Mr. October 1994 at the Eagle's bare chest calendar contest tonight at 2200. Win \$100

and lame.

Saturday, June 5: Constantines MC one-day ride to Marin County side of Occidental for lunch and cruising the area. Meet at the Watering Hole at 0930 and depart at 1000. Cars and motorcycles welcome.

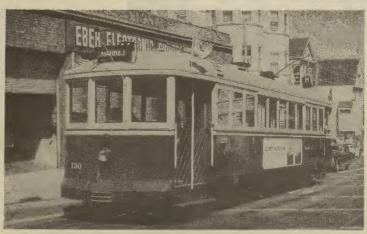
Nude Art Show again at Club Eros today from 1300-1700 for only \$5. Mandatory clothes check for even the 17 participating artists mingling with the usually 300 or more nude art lovers. If you need more info, call 255-4921

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Wednesday, June 9: Looking for Mr. June on the 1994
Great Buns Calendar at the Eagle tonight at 2130. Practice at the Nude Art Show and win some dough and a spot on the calendar.



Billy and Jim from Walnut Creek joined the thousands of cowboys and cowgirls at the Cow Palace for the Bay Area Regional Rodeo last weekend. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)



Ding, Ding, Ding...

From the Transbay Terminal to 30th Avenue, the N-line will be running historic trolleys on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. Regular Muni fares apply and the hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cruise down Market Street and then Duboce, enjoying the sunshine in one of five historic trolleys.

# From Chaos, Light

Muses From Chaos and Ash by Andrea R. Vaucher; Grove Press, \$22.50

by Roberto Friedman

o one who has been awake these past ten years needs to be told that AIDS has taken an incredible toll, depriving us of more and more of our vibrant, creative spirits. Muses From Chaos and Ash is a compilation by Andrea Vaucher of interviews with artists who are living, or have lived, with HIV, discussing the impact of the virus on their work. What is most compelling about this work is the candor with which these artists speak of the most intimate subjects possible: their mortality and their life's work.

Vaucher makes clear that her book is not about death and loss, but about "creativity born through crisis." The artists who lend their voices to her project, whether



painters, playwrights, dancers, designers or poets, all have remained true to their visions.

Art of Understanding

In a way, their art will be he truest record of our time.
As Patrick Moore, co-founder of the Estate Project for Artists with AIDS, puts it, "The emotions and impact of "The emotions and impact of what we're going through right now are too large to understand in an intellectual form. There has to be a rawer expression of it, and art is a way that all of the feelings and memories of this time can be distilled into one composition." position.'

Vaucher writes that "the discernable shift in emphasis discernable shift in emphasis from form to content in art today may be attributed to the force with which the AIDS crisis, like the Black Death before it, has shaken the collective psyche down to its creative bones." With Muses, she has created a forum in which the keepers of the flames, the artists on the front lines, speak for themselves.

The book is arranged thematically, with sections on anger, sex, activism, and spiranger, sex, activism, and spirituality. David Wojnarowicz says, "Suddenly I didn't have the luxury of time. It made the world a little more marvelous than it ever was before." The painter Robert Farber says, "I've never been frightened of my situation when I'm working. When I'm working, I feel safe."

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## Chaos

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**Doing Something** 

We get Larry Kramer on

the merits of activism versus the merits of activism versus writing: "Activism is very se-ductive. It's a way of feeling that you're doing something positive to save your life." And yet to Kramer writing his novel answers another need, bearing testimony of the nightmare he has de-scribed since Year One.

Marlon Riggs speaks about downplaying AIDS in his film Tongues Untied, in reaction to how homosexuality has become inextricably linked with

In his last pieces, Keith Haring painted birds with broken wings, a poignant symbol of artistic flight

the epidemic in public discourse. Conversely, Paul Monette maintains, "Not mentioning AIDS would be like trying to write a novel that takes place in the mid-forties and not mentioning the war.'

By structuring the book so By structuring the book so that her diverse cast speaks to certain key issues in a sort of Greek chorus, Vaucher presents a powerful collective insight into this central tragedy of our time. The format of the book is not without its drawbacks, however. Vaucher of

ten sets herself up with unan-swerably large questions, such as, "What impact will these legacies have on the fu-ture of the 20th Century?" At ture of the 20th Century?" At times her prologues to each chapter begin to seem like essay questions. No matter. Muses From Chaos and Ash is an invaluable document. I was able to read it only in small portions at a time, because of its measure of pain and honesty. But it added immeasurably to my take on contemporary art and literature that matters.  $\P$ 



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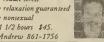
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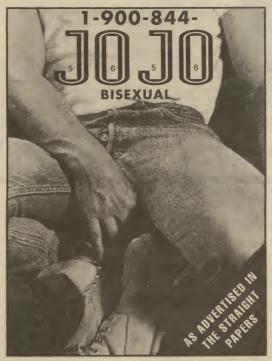
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